

# 'Big Game' Cat Loses Out When Schenbeck Shoots

Bagging bobcats may not be a recognized GI occupation, but the ferocious feline might as well know that if she scampers around this area she has to be wary of a staff car driver named T-5 Richard Schenbeck.

While driving Lt. Col. John Schonher, Major John Keeton and CWO Lloyd Seibert down to Fort Baker recently, Schenbeck slowed down when Mr. Seibert pointed out a fast moving animal crashing through some undergrowth heading for the main area of the post.

Schenbeck, whose hobby in Southern Illinois was hunting, recognized the animal immediately. He brought the car to an abrupt halt.

"Bobcat, sir!" Schenbeck exclaimed pointing down the ravine.

Major Keeton grabbed a .22 that was in the car and took a few quick shots. He missed.

Then Schenbeck took hold of a shotgun that was also in the car and crept into the undergrowth to stalk the animal. He succeeded in getting within 15 feet of the cat and before it could whirl away he scored a direct hit on its head.

The spotted animal stretched to 4½ feet and weighed about 35 pounds.

Schenbeck claims this as his first success at 'big game' hunting. He wouldn't mind a few more tries.

## Yank Spirit

Since D-Day, June 6, not a single American soldier in France has been executed for cowardice, desertion in the face of the enemy or any other military offense for which death is mandatory it was disclosed by the Associated Press.

This is a record believed to be unparalleled in modern war.

## Polio Victims Get New Hope Through 'Dimes'

Dreaded infantile paralysis strikes without warning. It has no respect for rich or poor, stevedor or bank clerk, soldier or civilian.

Most cases of the disease, however, occur in the young and there are some stricken every day. Sons and daughters of servicemen have been victims of polio and despite all precautionary methods taken others are bound to suffer in 1945.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis provides those afflicted with the disease the best of nursing and medical care, regardless of age, race, creed or color.

Soldiers of this command as well as other service people and civilians throughout the Nation are asked every year at this time to help support this institution so that new hope can rise in young broken bodies—possibly of someone close to you.

To help stamp out this home-front enemy you are once more urged to give generously. Send your dimes and dollars to President Roosevelt at the White House or make a contribution at the pay table next pay day.

## Yanks Snag Gestapo Hot Shot in Metz

An unimpressive Nazi crawled out from behind a beer barrel in a saloon in Metz and surrendered to a group of GIs.

He turned out to be Maj. Gen. Anton Dunkern, police president of Metz and Gestapo commander for Alsace-Lorraine. He was the first big Gestapo man taken, ranking close to Himmler and one of the prize catches of the war, according to Sgt. Saul Levitt, YANK staff correspondent.

Dunkern had the tough job of organizing the defense of Metz and exemplified the Nazi police commanders so often portrayed by Hollywood actors.

Levitt's article, which describes how GIs captured the Gestapo general, is featured in the Jan. 12 issue of YANK, on sale at all PX's tomorrow (Fri., Jan. 5).

## Army Film Nets 7 Million Bucks

Gen. George Marshall was presented with the 7,000,000th dollar bill with the showing of the film, "This Is the Army," by Harry Warner, president of Warner Brothers Pictures.



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T-5 RICHARD SCHENBECK proudly shows bobcat he bagged at Fort Baker.

## Gen. Pratt Takes Over WDC Command

Major Gen. Henry Conger Pratt assumed permanent command of the Western Defense Command the first of the year, a post he held temporarily since Dec. 11, 1944, succeeding Major Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel.

Upon graduation from West Point in the class of '04, General Pratt was assigned duty as a cavalry officer in the Presidio. With the Cavalry for 13 years he joined the Air Corps in 1917 and remained with that arm for 20 years.

In 1937 the general received distinction as being the first to be appointed Brigadier General of the Line and in 1938 began his second tour of duty in the Philippines where he commanded the 23d Brigade (Philippine Scouts) and later the Philippine Division.

General Pratt assumed command of the Second Army Corps in 1940 and acquired his second star. One year later he commanded the Third Corps Area and in January of '42 the Trinidad Sector and Base Command in the British West Indies.

Graduate of the Air Corps Bombardment School, General Staff School, School of the Line and Army War College, General Pratt also served overseas in the last war.

## Big Time Confab

"FDR calling! Send up the papers on Eisenhower!"

This statement is said to have momentarily floored the sergeant major at Fort Scott when it floated to his ears from the inter-com set on his desk. Was this San Francisco . . . or Dumbarton Oaks?

However, he knew he hadn't partaken too freely of that "holiday spirit" when it dawned on him that the "FDR" was in truth Lt. Francis D. Ruth, personnel officer, and that "Eisenhower" was really T-5 Paul Icenhower, a recent addition to Hq-SCU.

## Bedside PX Inaugurated

A "Bedside PX" cart began making the rounds this week at the Fort Baker hospital as Pfc Al Wohlhuter took up new duties with the Reconditioning and Education section.

The new service falls in line with the hospital's policy of keeping bedridden soldiers supplied with every-



Maj. Gen. H. Conger Pratt

## Six More Months . . . Oh, My Achin' Back!

Another six months of newspaper reporting to thousands of soldiers, Wacs and sailors by The Golden Gate Guardian is observed when Vol. No. VII takes its place on the masthead of this issue.

The editors have done enough boasting in the past about how the rag has grown from a two page mimeograph throw-away, won recognition from professional newspaper circles, etc., etc., etc., to last another six months.

All that will be mentioned is that this is about the 85th GGG published (we lost count somewhere along the line) and represents approximately 5,000,000 printed words, 1,000 feature and news photographs, 900 cartoons.

day wants. Everything from cigarettes to writing materials will be available at post exchange prices. The cart will tour the wards three times a week.

Wohlhuter will also assist convalescing patients in wood and leatherwork in the recreation hall. He will be aided by Mrs. William Cantwell of the Gray Ladies.

## Soldiers Go For Profiles

Physical examinations reminiscent of induction days are now being given at the Fort Baker Station Hospital and Fort Scott Dispensary in compliance with a WD order that "all enlisted men (with certain exceptions) now in the continental United States are to be given profile serial numbers by Feb. 1, 1945."

A profile number which is simply a number conveying medical information, will be listed on each man's service record and will be of value to personnel officers in accomplishing discharge and classification objectives.

The examinations are not as comprehensive as those given at induction. No laboratory tests are given unless indicated, but include the familiar passing from one specialist to another in a series of six stages.

### Say 'Ah'

Eyes, ears, nose, throat, upper and lower extremities are checked and soldiers are asked to mention any disability possessed. At the conclusion of the tests, an overall estimation of the soldier's physical condition is recorded on a chart which accompanies him through his rounds.

Information sought by the War Department on the tests is summed up in four parts: physical stamina, emotional stability, adjustment in his organization and general health of the individual.

Those who will not require profiling are:

Enlisted men at or under orders to proceed to overseas replacement depots or ports of embarkation as individual replacements; enlisted men in units under movement orders to depart for overseas prior to Jan. 1, 1945; air combat crew personnel, including those enlisted men in training or awaiting training leading to assignment as air combat crew personnel.

This means that everyone in the HDSF gets profiled before the month is out.

## Miley Photo Artist Wins Second Place In NSC Art Show

Second place in the photographic class of the Ninth Service Command Art and Crafts Show, which is tentatively scheduled to be on display in San Francisco early next month, was awarded to Pvt. Kenneth Strelow, Fort Miley medic.

The prize winning picture, "Cathedral Spires," was photographed in the Yosemite National Park on Strelow's last furlough.

Two other photographs submitted by the GI lensman were accepted in the exhibit and received honorable mention. One was a striking picture of a very young boy (Strelow's son) sitting on the lap of a well aged man (Strelow's grandfather).

The other picture that was accepted appeared in The GGG (July 22) under the heading, "Protection." Several puppies were shown nestling against the large feet of an HDSF-er on guard.

## Type 'O' Blood

Those that have type 'O' blood within the command and are willing to donate a pint of this life saving blood to save a buddy's life, get in touch with The GGG office (3687) as soon as possible.

Type 'O' blood is the only kind that can be processed into whole blood for rapid transfusions in the front lines.

The appeal from the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center for type 'O' blood is very urgent.

We can't all be heroes in this war, but we can do something for those that get hurt becoming heroes. Let's give our buddy a fighting chance by donating a pint of blood.

## Army Order Stills Crowd

More than 64,000 avid football fans attending the East-West football game at Kezar Stadium last Monday afternoon were brought to a sudden silence when he loud-speaker boomed:

"Your attention, please! Will Lieutenant Barrett report to his headquarters immediately! This is a direct order from . . ."

The crowd held its breath. Eisenhower? MacArthur? Marshall? What world-shattering epic was taking place that demanded this urgent military order!

"This," the voice repeated, "is a direct order from Captain Knight."

The captain probably wanted to see the game, a wag was heard to utter.



CATHEDRAL SPIRES by Fort Miley medic, Pvt. Ken Strelow, inspired judges of the NSC Art and Crafts Show to award the photographer second place in the photographic class and a \$25 War Bond.





### Why Smoke Butts!

"Hanging is too good for a guy who steals something from a buddy," is a statement made by soldiers who have detected dishonesty among GI pals.

Hoarding of cigarets, cigars or any other rationed product is a crime as low as stealing from the guy who sleeps next to you. Every time you invent ways and means of catching up on hard-to-get items from the PX you are depriving your buddy from enjoying his share of the product.

**You meet fellows practically every day who stock up on cigarets with the express purpose of giving them away to civilian friends or even selling them—at a profit. Not only is this a court martial offense, but it is a sure way of making the cigaret shortage acute in the military establishment.**

Why run a good thing to the ground?

While civies complain about "saving butts" for one good smoke, the soldier stationed here still gets an adequate daily supply of popular brand smokes. Do you realize what will happen when the few hoarders get through snagging many times their share?

Those that keep within the limit will soon find that the PX will run short during the month. This will compel them to use the same tactics as their hoarding buddies. What will follow is this:

**Every soldier will be issued a ration card and every time he makes a cigaret purchase it will be punched. The number of packages allotted may be reduced and drastic measures taken for those that attempt to obtain more than their daily share.**

Buy cigarets at the PX when you need them. They are stocked there for that very purpose. But DON'T be hoggish or selfish. Give the next guy the opportunity to get his share too!

"Do you feel common? I know I don't. Although most of us appear as uniform as one grain of sand to the next, it takes only one grain to form a pearl—or gum up a B-29. But you have the advantage over sand in that you can choose which course to follow. Failure to do this, and a supine willingness to let others do your important deciding for you, results in what is perhaps the closest approach to the rule of the 'common man' we know—namely, totalitarianism . . . Here's to the uncommon man; you, me, and the guy next door."

—Ft. Greeley, Alaska, 'Kodiak Bear'

"Germany must be punished for her unspeakable crimes. Unconditional surrender is still the order of the day. But, when the German people and their frankenstein, Herr Hitler, are crushed militarily, the American people and the liberated peoples demand—and expect—not merely a cessation of hostilities but occupation of Germany and retribution swift and sure. The fangs of the serpent must be drawn."

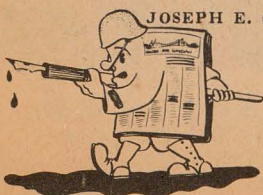
—Ft. Monmouth, N. J., 'Message'

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## Know Your Leaders

### Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch He Cleaned Guadalcanal

Southern France was invaded Aug. 15 and shortly thereafter a new name in military circles took the limelight — Major Gen. Alexander (Sandy) Patch.

Commander of the 7th Army, which spearheaded the underbelly attack, Patch was credited with having conducted one of the most successful operations of the entire war. It has often been referred to as being like "a tactician's dream."

Since that campaign, the 7th Army has progressed steadily forward and eastward to its present positions on the south of the American line in western Europe.

#### A 'Regular'

The brilliance manifested by this military man was no accident. Regular Army man General Patch virtually grew up in the service. His father, graduate of the U. S. Military Academy, saw that young Alexander had every opportunity to make the Army his career.

It is said of Patch that he was "born to the Army, grew up in the Army and was educated in the Army."

At West Point he did not shine scholastically, but presented a favorable figure on the athletic field. While on the track team young Patch pole vaulted about 12 feet, quite a record for a 1911 athlete, and did very well on the boxing team.

In the last war Alexander Patch saw combat on the Aisne and Marne at St. Mihiel and in the Meuse-Argonne. Later he taught at the Infantry School and was an instructor of military science and tactics at the Staunton Military Academy. General Patch is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College.

#### Guadalcanal Scrapper

At the start of our participation in this war, General Patch was assigned to New Caledonia where he whipped together the Americal (America-Caledonia) Division.

In 1942 he was ordered to relieve the Marines on Guadalcanal. He cleared the island of all enemy opposition in two months, a clean and sharp campaign.



### What, Awol?

No, fellas, we're not AWOL.

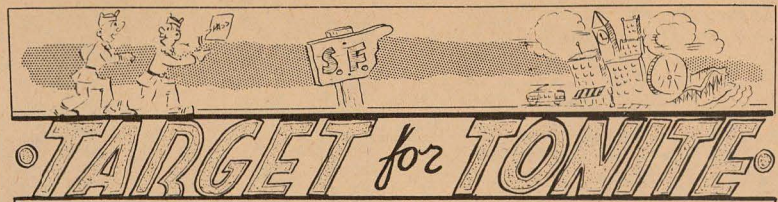
This is the first time in almost three years that The GGG has failed to make its appearance on time.

New Year's Day is one of the four legal holidays observed by the printing trade and we were obliged to celebrate along.

Happy New Year!

General McNair called Patch one of the first corps commanders. Patch's success on "canal" won him the Navy DSM to add to the Army DSM. On Guadalcanal he was plagued by malaria and dysentery, but boundless energy kept him going. He was hotly impatient when battle was joined, however demonstrating cool judgment when the going got tough.

General Patch is recognized as a commander who tries to spare his men. He mixes well with his troops and suffers the war with them.



Ice Hockey fans can watch the skates flash and sticks fly at Winterland, Post and Steiner Streets, on the evenings of Jan. 6, 10, 13 and 17 when Oakland plays teams from Pasadena, Portland, San Francisco and Seattle in the order named. The boys will start cracking the ice at 2000 sharp.

Tomorrow evening the "Skating Vanities" will roll into the Civic Auditorium with 26 'sensational' acts and 60 'lovely femmes' des skates.

Toreadors and cigaret girls will raise their voices and flick ashes from the stage of the War Memorial Opera House Jan. 8 when Bizet's Carmen opens the San Carlo Co.'s season of gilding the high C's.

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance" continue their musical raids at the Bush Street Music Hall nightly and Sunday matinees.

George Abbott's perennial hit, "Kiss and Tell," is mild mannered amusement at the Geary Theatre, while Noel Coward's high jinx of spook-dookery, "Blithe Spirit," is presented as the Curran's New Year's legitimate comedy cocktail with the kick of a zombie.

Dancing with beautiful Junior League hostesses is the EM's delightful diversion at the Furlough Fun Room in the Palace Hotel any Saturday from 1930 to 2400.

For those who still have Christmas checks to cash and are willing to pay a little extra for de luxe service there are no better orchestras to take the sting out of tipping than those of "Hot-Lips" Henry Busse in the Rose Room; Dick Foy's Persian Room tune-ups and George Hamilton's Peacock Courting in the New York manner at the Mark.

Zeigfeld glorified the American girl but Grison's restaurant at Van Ness and Pacific claims to have glorified the hen. If you are looking for a real chicken dinner this is a lot easier than going out and chasing one. Panellis at 453 Pine features charcoal broilers and Italian cuisine while Joe Di Maggio's Yacht

Club on Fisherman's Wharf offers all the seafood delights plus a Manhattan revue.

Six important musical events will transpire this month. California Concerts, Inc., leads the way this Sunday with a recital at the Opera House by Szigeti, "top of top-flight violinists." Leonard Pennario, youthful pianist, plays with the San Francisco Symphony Jan. 12 and 13. Efreim Kurtz will conduct. The Symphony plays again a week later with Carlos Chavez, conductor of the Mexico City Symphony Orchestra, on the podium.

Zino Francescatti, violin virtuoso and modern Paganini, plays a recital on the 22d while the 25th brings Yehudi Menuhin and the San Francisco Symphony together once again for a brilliant concert in the Auditorium. The Serge Jaroff Don Cossack Chorus performs the last Sunday of the month at the Opera House.

### Cronkhite Canteen Has Busy Holiday

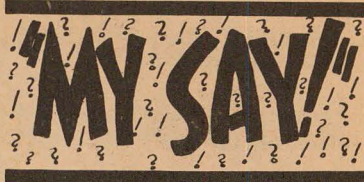
The Fort Cronkhite service club, with Mrs. Mary Dee Andrews, Army Hostess, in charge, proved to be a mighty busy establishment over the Christmas and New Year holiday periods.

A fun show, sponsored by the Presidio YMCA, played before a packed house Fri., Dec. 22. Included were several vocal, tap dance and pantomime acts.

A gala Christmas party was held in the club Sat., Dec. 23, with the popular Yule dance holding the spotlight. Home-made cookies, cake and punch were served by the Red Cross Cookie Brigade.

#### COULD BE!

U-Drive-It-Yourself auto guys take an awful beating these days. It's impossible to tell how far a couple in a car have gone by reading the speedometer.



What would you consider to be the most appropriate New Year's resolution for this nation during its present crisis?



Cpl. J. W. Bobbitt, Battery Point

The resolution everyone should have and hold onto is to do everything in their power to help get the war over in 1945.



Sgt. Leo Crowder, Battery Point

The men and women of the armed forces and civilians should resolve to realize the importance of their job and to stick to that job so that peace may reign in 1945.



Sgt. Herbert Quick, Battery Point

Everyone of this nation and the Allied nations should resolve to beat hell out of the Nips and Krauts before 1946.



S/Sgt. Melvin Bachman, Battery Point

We should make a firm resolution to assure total peace after the total collapse of the Axis powers.



Pvt. Richard Frey, Battery Point

A resolution should be made to reeducate the youth of this nation and all nations after the war to make a better world in which to live.

### Adolf's Ailments Remain Big Mystery

Reports concerning Hitler's death—or lack of it—have been as thick in London, England, as GI giblet gravy.

If all of them are true, the German fuhrer is suffering from the following maladies: concussion of the brain, coronary thrombosis, tumor of the throat, paranoia, a broken arm, an ear-ache, flat feet.





**SHEEPSKIN** from the Chevrolet Motor Co. for completing their refresher course in motor maintenance goes to T-4 Frank Ventre of the Fort Scott motor pool from Mr. E. M. Anderson of Chevrolet. Other GI's who received similar diplomas watch the presentation, including, left to right, T-5 Elton Solomon, Capt. Frank Johnston (officer in charge motor pool), Pvt. Charles Robertson, Pvt. Lloyd Shearer, Ventre, Pfc Sam Vigliotti and Mr. Anderson.

## Nine Harbor Defense Motor Pool Commandos Get Efficiency Awards

Generators, distributors, fuel pumps and pistons were working with greater precision this week after nine Harbor Defense soldiers were presented with diplomas from the Chevrolet Motor Co. for successfully completing its Motor Maintenance School.

The 'sheepskins' were presented by E. M. Anderson of the Chevrolet Motor Co. to T-4 Frank Ventre, engine mechanic specialist; T-5 Elton Solomon, Pfc Sam Vigliotti, Pvt. Lloyd Shearer and Pvt. Charles

Robertson, first echelon maintenance men, all of the Fort Scott motor pool.

Pfc Bill McCullough and Pfc Erven Mark of the Fort Barry motor pool also received diplomas at the ceremony. A special diploma award went to Alexander Rajan, civilian auto mechanic at Fort Scott.

A similar school is tentatively slated for February, according to Capt. Frank Johnston, post motor pool officer.



**Capt. Vaughn Marker** with a bomber squadron in Italy writes: "Whatever you have heard about the beauty of Capri is true and then some. I took a boat trip recently to the Blue Grotto. These are the famous caves which you approach in a row boat lying flat on the bottom in order to get through the entrance.

"It is right at the base of a cliff facing the open sea and the boatman must time the waves just right to get in. This is the fantastic work of nature that formed the setting for Alexandre Dumas' 'Count of Monte Cristo.'

"Believe me, it is quite a sensation to have the opening closed by a wall of water as soon as you get through. Inside, everything is some shade of blue with light sifting in through underwater cracks in the wall. Another thing that strikes one is the constant change in the air pressure which is caused by the air following the waves in and out."

**Wac Cpl. Pearl Young** formerly stationed at Scott sends Christmas and New Year greetings from New Guinea: "Life is really set to music over here. We are awakened by a band at 0500. This morning everyone rose and shone to the tune of 'Put on Your Old Grey Bonnet' and at 0700 marched to work to the tune of the 'Camels Are Coming, Hooray.'

"The office is wide open except for a roof and eventually I may get used to finding lizards in my lap. The first one brought out the noise in me and to say I raised the roof is putting it mildly."

**Navyman John De Dominicis S. K. 2/c** writes from Greece to his sister **Wac Cpl. Patricia De Dominicis** stationed at Scott: "Conditions are terrible here. These people have been through so much. Many have starved to death literally dropping on the streets and still they bear all with the great dignity and magnificence of their past heroic history.

"France is my favorite country in Europe—to my mind it is beautiful with a joy and gaiety that is only momentarily suppressed and temporarily hidden in the shock of many sacrifices. I saw Churchill during the Normandy invasion. He made

a speech and went around and shook hands with many of the boys.

"Tell Dad however that my greatest thrill was hiking over some of those famous old battlefields he marched over in World War I. I do believe I even stepped in that same old mud hole he used to tell us about."

**Pfc Robert Cantor** with an MP outfit in the Philippines has some interesting first hand news for his friends in the HDSF: "Well, two days back was Dec. 7 and we celebrated here by giving the Nips one hell of a headache. A complete convoy of 13 ships was sunk and over 50 of their planes were shot down.

"Watching our planes return that day was one victory roll after another and when I say victory roll I mean that every time one of our planes come back and they have downed a Jap, they do a barrel roll over the strip. There were quite a few planes that did three rolls on that day.

"I met a Filipino school teacher the other day and he said that as soon as the Japs occupied the country they immediately closed the schools and teachers were forced to instruct only in Japanese. These teachers had to work without pay and only received two meagre meals a day, one at 1000 and the other at 1600."

**Wac Cpl. Anne Thomsen** is another American girl in New Guinea who takes time out to reminisce with pals at home: "It just doesn't seem possible that there are only six shopping days left until Christmas because right at the moment I'm broiling a good 'New York Cut' over ye old charcoal broiler. As a matter of fact the weather here in December is like July in Manhattan. I keep forgetting where I am and start planning my summer vacation. Oh girls, what I wouldn't give for a trip through New Hampshire and three weeks at Hampton Beach."

### GIVE 'ER THE WORKS

With the winter cold arriving a little girl was asked to pray for warm weather so that her grandmother's rheumatism might pass away. "Oh Lord," prayed the little girl, "please make it hot for Grandma."

### The Sun Sets

Presidio's service newspaper, The Presidio Sun, has temporarily suspended publication, it was announced recently.

A four-page newspaper printed on glossy stock, The Sun showed earmarks of eventually becoming one of the better camp publications.

T-5 Ed Radenzel, former editor, and Cpl. Ben Hamilton, associate editor, are saluted by The GGG staff for a good job well done. May the Sun rise again.

## Espee Inaugurates All-Soldier Train

Virtually assuring local soldiers of furlough train ducats, an all-GI "Furlough Challenger" has been inaugurated by the Southern Pacific Railway Co. of San Francisco.

Civilians will not be assigned space on this train except when a member of the armed service is actually accompanying them to destination.

The Challenger is scheduled to leave the San Francisco Ferry Bldg. at 1830 daily. Arrival at Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago will be the same as now shown in time tables for the "Challenger."

The train consists of coaches only. Diners are provided for meal service. There are several coaches reserved for Chicago passengers, one for Kansas City, two for Omaha and one for Ogden.

## Combat Vet Tells of Hollandia Invasion and Life on Merauke

By Sgt. Tom Crooks

"Seizure of Hollandia with its three excellent airfields was achieved by taking the Japs completely by surprise," said Pacific veteran S/Sgt. Charles Hatfield, Hdqs. Btry. HDSF.

The sergeant was with a CA AA automatic weapons outfit that followed the first wave of MacArthur's assault troops to hit the beaches, which proved to be the first landing on Dutch territory since the East Indies fell and the first big-scale merging of MacArthur's forces with those of Admiral Nimitz.

"Cruisers, aircraft carriers and destroyers started to shell and bomb the base before our 'D-men' started wading ashore. The shelling started at 0600 and ended at 0700 on the nose. That's when the U. S. and Australian boys started going after those Nips in person."

### Javanese Hospitality

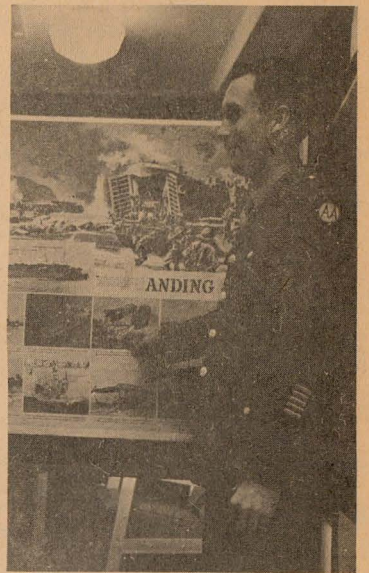
Of the entire thirty-three months he spent overseas Hatfield said the twelve stationed at Merauke in Dutch New Guinea were by far the most pleasant. He spoke of the hospitality of the Javanese and of one great feast given by the ex-Mayor for all Yank sergeants.

Everyone gathered around a huge "rice table" which contained fifteen or twenty different dishes of beef, deer, chicken, pork, sauces, curries, preserves and drice. Every guest is required according to island etiquette to take some of each which is served by a different girl.

At the particular "chow-howdy" in question there was a bottle of champagne per person in addition to the native "Kolpa soapie" (coconut whiskey) to help put the roughage down the hatch. "Kolpa soapie" according to Charley smells like rotten eggs and combines the kick of a mule with the roar of a lion. It tastes like it smells.

### Among His Souvenirs

He also said that there were enough birds of paradise on the island to turn any woman's head and her hat, too. The sergeant described a fan made of six feathers which he bought from a native for five dollars and which would sell in the states for one thousand. Hatfield was also fortunate enough to obtain a Japanese sacrificial knife of which



**S/SGT. CHARLES HATFIELD** landed in the right spot for this picture showing him by a poster depicting the Allied landing and invasion of Hollandia. He was there.

there are only four known extant. It is comprised of an 18½-inch blade with a dragon head handle. The sheaf is made out of black palm wood inlaid with Javanese silver. It is not for sale.

### Plans For Future

The "traveler" returned to the states in November of '44 and enjoyed his first visit home in four years with his father in Danville, Va. The twenty-six-year-old vet hopes to be a criminologist in civilian life having devoted considerable study to fingerprinting. He spends his Army spare time studying psychology.

His decorations include the bronze star, which he received for being an intrepid leader and constant morale builder to his men, and three battle stars for the Netherlands East Indies Campaign, New Guinea Campaign and the Papuan Campaign.

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## Yule Cheer at Mendell

Vowing that though they were somewhat set apart from the center of things, artillerymen from the Mendell Area decided to have a "Merry Christmas" anyhow.

Pvt. Abe Sovatsky, chief Mendell PX clerk, started the ball rolling by declaring his establishment open Christmas Day for a bit of Yuletide celebration. He got some of his regular customers together and it wasn't long before things took shape.

T/Sgt. John Jones took a jaunt of about 40 miles into a mountainous area and returned with an 18-

foot spruce. Jones sprayed the tree and supervised its trimming.

Signs, decorations and all art work were supplied by T-4 Dulbert Cruff, a former commercial artist. Help was even supplied by a zebra-striped gent, M/Sgt. Frank Karbowski who assisted with putting up decorations and attaching electrical connections.

Making the "Merry Christmas" party possible was Lt. Joseph Teplicky who took inventory all day Sunday so that the boys could partake of plenty of suds and other refreshments Christmas Day.



**CHRISTMAS 'AT HOME'**—Mendell artillerymen enjoying a bit of Yuletide cheer amidst holiday decorations and friendly spirit at the local PX establishment. (Photo by GGG)





## Melody Man Strikes Unusual Chords

If Jazz Dies Blame Stan Kenton

By T-5 Jason Meyer

New and original, a snappy band arrived at the Civic Auditorium last week for a one night's stand in San Francisco. Fans greeted Stan Kenton with as much gusto and spirit as they would have received a Tommy Dorsey or Harry James.

A tall and gangling fellow with a million dollar smile, Kenton has innovated a new style in band arranging which is unlike the type adopted by most leaders who are content to use the standard system of chording. The "Artistry in Rhythm" led articulates minor chords which are so original and ear tingling that the band business is starting to sit up and take notice of its latest sensation.

With Bob Hope

While receiving full bookings all over the country to start a new season, Kenton last year had a contract with the Bob Hope show, his combo appearing on the star-studded program each week. Chosen among six other bands in auditions held by Hope in 1943, his outfit was picked the winner and was offered a one-year contract, only to refuse a six-year bonding later because of his desire to be out among the people instead of being attached to one show.

The experience gained with such a high rated radio feature is enough to put him up among the finest.

"Working with Bob Hope was the most enjoyable experience in my whole life," Kenton declared during an interview backstage. "I will say that Bob is the nicest fellow I've ever met or worked with, and his considerate manner and sincere character marks him as a great guy."

He stated that it took one full week of scripting to complete one show and a day's rehearsing was all

that was necessary before going on the air.

Plays Piano

Hailing from Los Angeles, Kenton obtained a job as pianist with a Hollywood radio studio upon graduating high school. In 1941 he organized his own band.

"The worries and difficulties," he stated, "in organizing a band keeps you plenty busy. Polish was the thing we were striving for and before you get that you work and sweat plenty."

Being a master pianist, Kenton fronts his outfit by conducting several numbers and featuring his own piano specialties.

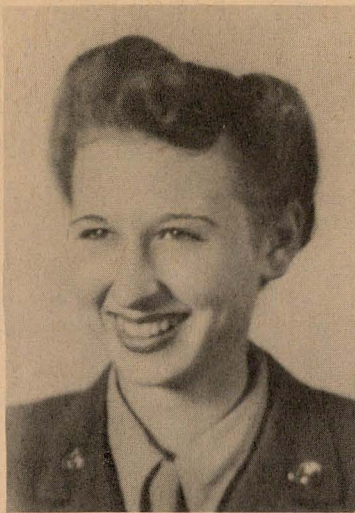
Anita O'Day, who is on the Ella Mae Morse side, and Gene Howard, baritone, do the vocals. Among the musicians can be listed Bart Varsalona, bass trombone; Boots Maz-zulo, bass alto; John Carroll, trombone; Jimmy Felton, the drums; Carl George, trumpet, and Stanley Getz, tenor, to mention a few.

The whole unit comprises 18 pieces and is "Solid" to the fullest extent of the word.

De Bunks Jazz

In explaining his "radical" departure in swing music, Kenton said: "What I'm trying to do is get completely away from jazz. You can still have rhythm with melody instead of jumbled up music. And I will venture to say that the post-war music will find more emphasis on girl vocalists than male vocalists. Such popularity as is now found among the male singers will dwindle with the war's end."

With a full schedule ahead of him with dates in LA and bookings in all the leading theaters back East, Kenton will be a busy lad this coming year. He recently finished a short subject for Universal pictures which is to be released soon.



Pvt. Christine Duff

## Wac's Family In Big Battle

Batting out a perfect score on Uncle Sam's World War II Victory Team is Wac Pvt. Irma Burke attached to the station hospital at Ft. Baker. This former Houston housewife and mother has a husband, two daughters and a son-in-law in the service.

Pvt. Burke's husband, Allen, is a S/Sgt. with combat engineers in Persia and he has been out there pitching for over two years. One of their daughters, Christine, is a private in the Wacs and at present is doing hospital work at Camp Walters, Texas.

A married daughter, Arline Statham, is a SM 2/c in the Spars and is stationed at Miami, Florida. Arline's husband Alvin is an air force sergeant who wears the purple heart for wounds sustained when flying a mission in the North African campaign. The sergeant is in a Nashville, Tenn. hospital.

Five out of five is the all-American score of this more than average all-American family in their all-out effort and determination to get this war over with and get back as soon as possible to the happy family business of living.

RHIP

If the cigaret shortage continues the time may come when only GI's of the top three grades will have the privilege of policing the area for butts.

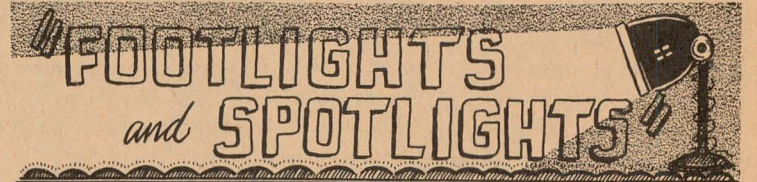
## Double Duty in the Service



Pvt. Irma Burke



SM 2/c Arline Statham



By T-5 Jason Meyer

Just an unknown several weeks back, Fay Emerson has reached the top of film stardom . . . marriage to Col. Elliott Roosevelt did the trick . . . 20th Century Fox has signed Alice Faye . . . all the talk about her retiring was settled with this inking . . .

A film biography of Paul White-man is now in the making . . . Louis B. Mayer is now back on the job at MGM . . . he sustained a serious injury several months back . . . PRC (Producer's Releasing Corporation) pictures will observe their 5th anniversary starting March 1st . . . to be nationally celebrated throughout theaters in country . . .

Recent popularity poll conducted by Downbeat shows Tommy Dorsey as favorite "Sweet Music" band . . . honor of most popular swing band goes to Duke Ellington . . . Harry James turned down a 5-year contract with MGM . . . just finished "Kitten on the Keys" netting his unit \$166,000 . . .

Low Ayres, former movie star now overseas as chaplain's assistant in Army, will not make another film . . . plans are to study ministry . . . he will, however, do films that deal directly with the church . . . Lucky Strike would like a radio show starring Phil Harris . . .

George Pal (creator of Puppets) has celebrated his 9th anniversary of making animations . . . has revolutionary style of using wooden models . . . no drawings . . . Errol Flynn was ordered to pay \$11,336 to a former wife . . . amount covers two years income tax on her alimony . . .

Ingrid Bergman has just returned from Minnesota . . . she worked on 6th War Loan Drive in the Mid-western metropolis . . . Lauren Bacall celebrated New Year's Eve in New York . . . she was starred in "To Have and Have Not" with Humphrey Bogart . . .

Marjorie Reynolds (Holiday Inn) is being publicized by Paramount as a songstress . . . catch is that all her "singing" in Holiday Inn was dubbed by a real vocalist . . . same goes for Rita Hayworth . . . fact is that neither actress can sing acceptably without using pre-recorded songs . . .

Franchot Tonne ("Dark Waters") was "burned to a crisp" a short time back . . . there are no scars . . . failure of Voice to show up for early rehearsals while Tonne was guesting on former's program started the blow up . . .

The bombings of Tokyo are on records . . . all sounds of blastings are being recorded by Navy technicians.

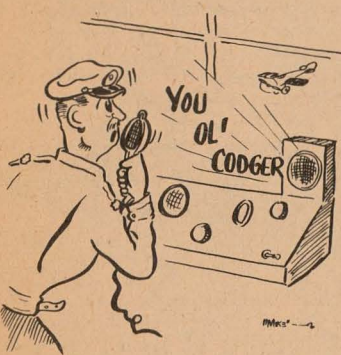
The Goodwill Hour with John J. Anthony is now off the air . . . Anthony is scheduled to make a pix for Republic . . . Joey Reichman, bandleader, was fined \$1,000 by LA union . . . reason for fine was not disclosed . . .

Jack LaRue and Vince Barnett are teaming up to do stage shows back East . . . pair recently played at Warfield theater here in SF . . .

Motion picture critics say Doty LaMour's voice has slipped . . . Sarong Girl was once a vocalist with Herbie Kay's band . . . those who know say she needs more coaching.

## R-r-roger Dodger!

Air Force Major Hits Booby Trap



Rank Has Its Privileges, they say. A major in one of the aircraft warning units of the Fourth Air Force down the coast was using the radio transmitter to talk to pilots of two airplanes overhead who were directing fire fighting groups.

One of the pilots kept replying to the major's commands: "R-r-roger dodger!"

After a few times, the major spoke over the transmitter, "Roger" will be sufficient!"

In spite of his admonitions "R-r-roger dodger" continued. Finally the major picked up the mike.

"This is Major Lane speaking. I said 'Roger' would be sufficient!"

The voice from the airplane came back:

"R-r-roger dodger, you old codger! I'm a major, too!"

## 'Stars And Stripes' Nets Three Million

According to the Associated Press, "Stars and Stripes," the Army's overseas newspaper, now has a daily circulation of more than one million.

The newspaper has turned a profit of three million dollars in the European theater of war, it was announced recently.



CHRISTMAS MAY BE OVER for some, but to interested people like these it will remain a fond memory for many days. Old Nick presents gifts to Joan Couture and Mary Lou Dockery at the Scott Noncoms Club during the Yuletide. Boy Scout Robert Courture looks on. (Photo by T/Sgt. Donald Dapperich)

## Hospital Doings

Patients and members of the Hospital Co. are still raving about the Christmas party the Red Cross staged in the recreation hall Christmas Eve.

The rec hall, decorated by the Sausalito Garden Club, was the scene of a two-hour Yule program featuring caroleers of the Sausalito High School who had previously made a tour of the wards. A spontaneous, all-GI program followed.

Special guest of the evening was Lt. Col. William Crawford, commanding officer of the hospital.

Ward 18 won the prize for the

best decorated tree and Ward 6 nabbed a similar prize for winning the most original tree. Major Ted Post presented the prizes—cigarettes and candy—during the party.

Before the party started in the rec hall, Santa Claus paid a visit to all the wards and every patient, detachment soldier and Wac working in the hospital received a present, donated by the Red Cross.

A community sing was held in the hall Fri. night, Dec. 29, and open house Sun., Dec. 31, including a special New Year's Eve program. Tues., Jan. 3, was special game night.

## 'B' AT BAKER

By Bob Murphy

Because I wish to blaze that the war were over I haven't much to write about this week. But if you stick with me, we might beat out a column before the day is o'er.

That distinguished 'Ridge Runner,' that gentleman from the Deep South, that personality that just literally beams with sunshine no matter what time of day or night, that fellow that will give you an inch to see whether you will take a mile and that fellow that I still hope after he has read this far can be called my buddy, former Cpl. Greer, is now Technician 4th Grade. Congrats to you all from the Powder River Kid, and the rest of the boys in the battery.

Also would like to extend congrats to Chumney, Love and Koehn upon making Pfc recently. That four bucks per really helps in a squeeze fellows, if you don't believe it ask Pfc Carl Dingler.

'Bugs Bunny' Kajewski and his bowling team seem to be getting their 'Gismos' in the limelight of the HDSF bowling league. Nice going fellows, just keep up that winning streak. Who knows, you may get an Oscar for the best performance of the season.

How about this guy Ace Harmon entertaining the fairer sex during Christmas dinner? I'm telling you—you never can tell what he is going to do next. For not being a re-

volving door he really gets around.

Also missed congratulating Ray Kohl upon making T-4. Also missed congrats to a lot of the fellows recently promoted.

The past few weeks Lieutenant Burns has been going to the mechanic shop during his off time and working there for hours. No one knew why until one day we walked in and found him painting—workbenches. Wonder why he is so careful to do such a good job on them, and why he is putting such long hours in on this most important work.

## Newspaper Man To Talk at Baker

Frederick Thompson, prominent Bay Area newspaper man and lecturer, will speak to patient and permanent party members of the Fort Baker hospital Fri., Jan. 5, at 1830.

Thompson will discuss current events, and following his lecture will open a period of questions and answers. The speaker was associated for many years with the Marin Journal and is a member of San Francisco's swank exclusive, the Bohemian Club.

The lecture is sponsored by the Mill Valley Lions Club, headed by Dr. W. W. Hall of Marin Junior College, and the Red Cross at the Baker hospital.



EAGER BEAVER . . . . .

Introduces Himself

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE . . . that's what the doc said the day I was born. Only reason I was born on Wednesday is that Tuesday was a holiday. Dad took one look at me and refused to pay the bill. Mother was also disappointed . . . she was expecting either a boy or a girl. Brother told dad to take me back . . . he didn't want a Cocker Spaniel.

I was a normal baby in every respect . . . except I knew why I liked nurses. At age of 10 days I took to the bottle . . . there's been no noticeable change since. At age of 10 months got my first licking . . . dad caught me reading his Police Gazette.

Was a very active child. At age of three attended the county fair. Walked through a livestock exhibition and came out wearing a blue ribbon. At five I entered kindergarten . . . three years later I was still there. Teacher passed me on condition . . . that I never come back. Addition was my best subject. When I saw mom and pop split pop's pay check I knew 2 and 2 made 5.

High school days weren't as bad. Had lots of friends . . . both swell guys. At report card time I was

known as the 4F kid. Was very good in dramatics . . . one performance I played the part of Bunker Hill.

In high school had my first date. It was a blind date . . . neither of us could see anything in each other. She was very fat . . . all a man could ask for and twice as much as he'd want. She had so many chins she was voted Chin Up Girl.

After graduation I went to work. First job was selling beer . . . it went to my head. Next job was behind a soda fountain . . . that's where I became a jerk. Also worked in a shoe factory . . . got tired working with a bunch of heels.

Shortly afterwards I was inducted . . . result of the only lottery I've ever won. I reported to induction center on my own free will . . . the hypo might of helped. Since then I've found out you're always close to a canteen . . . especially the one you carry.

The above should be of some value to the Section 8 Board in their inquiry as to who is Eager Beaver. It really shouldn't be hard to spot me. I was born during the depression but have picked up many a scent since.

BAYVIEW INN

New Year's gone but the memory lingers on. The SCU Ball held last Monday evening at that popular rendezvous of discriminating high-ball tossers, the Dawn Club, was a rousing success.



Bar strippers spotted in the throng, which represented practically the pentagon of non-commissiondom, included the "who's who" chow magnates S/Sgt. Ray Dilettuso, Sgt. 'Frenchy' Olivier and T-4 Wayne Chinn.

Conservative Sgt. Jim Overcast better known as the guy with the swell dispatch-ition was observed with a pretty bohemian crowd that were congratulating themselves on the decorations. Included in this group were Sgt. Fred Witte, Cpl. Amedeo Scali, Pfc Mike Geisler and T-4 Robert Anderson.

Old handshakers appeared by the score notable amongst them being T-5 Ken Clifford (courtesy Ft. Scott Theatre), S/Sgt. Jack Cameron, S/Sgt. Frank Williams, T-5 John Trede and Pvt. Grant Bowen who formed the nucleus of the ticket taking and reception committee. Everyone was unanimous in saying that it was a 'dawn good party' and they had a 'dawn good time'!

Bayview Inn breakfast club members gathered around the other

morning for another wheatie salute with side arms in honor of Sgt. Truman Shortridge. He had the distinction of being one Army fellow who told it to a Marine. For his bravery Shortridge was sent up for life the following day at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley where he slipped the ring on the third finger of the left hand of Marine Sgt. Opal Hulett.

S/Sgt. Henry Smith who spent a few years in combat service overseas stopped in to say goodbye to the fellows before leaving for home and civilianship in St. Helens, Oregon.

T-5 Paul Icenhower spells his name a little different from the other well known Army man whose name sounds the same. So far there has been no confusion in the mails for which Paul is thankful seeing as how he got a swell box of home-made fudge from home.

T-5 Hugh Goulette, T-5 Leonard John, Pfc Bob Sweatt and Sgt. Mel Sanders are being referred to as the "four wigs of the cribbage patch." T-5 Cecil Campbell is looking forward to hitting that old Oregon trail and Sgt. Jake May is finding out for himself how the other half lives during a seven day trial furlough.

Fairly reliable sources are rumor-ing it around that Pfc Alf (Butterball) Ashton has finally popped the question after 15 years of romance.

**SAFETY NOTE**

Since girls have been wearing shorter skirts, there have been 50 per cent less streetcar accidents. Why not prevent such accidents entirely?

**THE WINNER**

Hirohito's Hit Parade: "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Navy?"



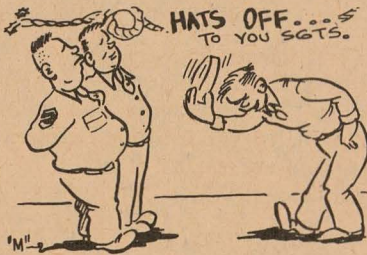
A NEW FACE — Meet Rhonda Fleming, fellas, who will soon make her bid to cinema fame in the David O. Selznick production, "Spellbound." It doesn't take a range percentage corrector to see that this lovely has the right azimuth.

'B' TUNNELEERS

By Cpl. Joe Malas

Pop Cardinal is certainly glad that Christmas is over after playing Santa Claus to the boys. Seeing as how Pop is chief mail clerk he really had some job on his hands. Next year he has decided to get himself a job as Santa in some department store and wait for a young chicken to sit on his knee and tell him what she wants for Christmas.

The boys doff their hats to S/Sgt. Mayfield and Sgt. Schick in decorating our mess hall. It sure gave the



boys a reminder of that old Christmas spirit back home. The tree looked beautiful and all that was missing was real snow.

It seems T-4 Julius Vingerllie always makes the column. Last Saturday night Julius started for Sausalito to attend a Christmas dance given at the Sausalito Service Men's Club. When it was time to give out the presents they couldn't find a chap suitable to play Santa. Julius got the job.

Congratulations to Lt. William Funnell on his recent marriage. May all his worries be little ones.

Santa sure didn't miss. He presented the battery with a beautiful



SNOW JOB—Last Friday snow fell in spots around San Francisco, and that's no snow job, men. Here is Mickey Manion, SF tyke, packing a real snowball. This picture, which appeared in the SF Chronicle, was taken by Pvt. Kenneth Strelow, Fort Miley medic corpsman, with a Speed Graphic, f.11, 1/150 sec., K-2 filter.

HQ MALE ROOM

Sometimes it would seem much simpler to move a maternity ward right into the barracks—there would be enough biz from the bat-tery-men alone to keep a full medical corps busy.

Latest to brag about a job well done is T-4 Al Brodick of the kitchen staff, father of a boy. About the cigars, Al says he will wait a couple of weeks and let the little critter buy 'em himself.

The early ayem pool fued between T-4's Estabrooke and Harvey almost came to a standstill when T/Sgt. Zemach and T-5 Meyer started to frequent the "small table." Besides making a desperate hunt for "the wheel," Zemach is also looking around for a cue stick and special corners that will enable him to whip Top Kick Noone and Cpl. Proctor in a 100 point match.

Head of the cuisine department, T-4 'Jack' Jackson, was recently found out. From 1925 to almost 1930 he played fast, colorful football with the Army's Honolulu eleven. Even Sgt. 'Shorty' Fortin did not know his sidekick was a headlining Army back just a 'few' years ago.

All smiles, T-4 V. Constantinou, who dishes out grub at the BOQ, gives the appearance of being a mild mannered Joe. Constantinou is a former Greek refugee.

Scene of the new year: T-4 Ace Matson, acting foreman of the local 'CB' outfit, having his cute blonde mustache darkened with a mascara brush wielded by his girl friend,



Miss Adele Cooper, librarian clerk. T/Sgt. Tommy Tomashunas seems destined to cop the pool tournament. After bouncing Cpl. Proctor out of the top bracket he left on a long furlough to the east. "To rest my nerves," he said.

The battery welcomes the many battle seasoned men who have recently come to the organization after months and even years overseas. It is our wish to do as creditable a job when our turn comes.

FACTS AND FIGGERS

Women are wise about facts and figures. A girl with a good figure soon learns the facts.

radio. The only trouble is that it has so many buttons and dials someone will have to go to radio school to learn how to operate it.

'Babe,' our little wire haired terrier, became the proud mamma recently by giving birth to one little puppy. Both are doing fine but it is too bad her master, Sgt. H. M. Bass, can't be here to attend the christening. Hope you get well soon, Sarge.

The officers and men of Btry B-173d CA Bn. wish all the officers and men of the HDSF a happy and prosperous New Year.

'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX

By T-5 John Woodall

The Yuletide spirit was evident everywhere throughout the barracks Christmas day. Cpl. Philip Vaccaro, T-5 John Dykema and Pfc J. T. Bucy did a wonderful job of decorating. The day room and mess hall were transformed into places of bright festivity.

S/Sgt. William Merkel and his hard working crew prepared a menu that left nothing to be desired. At least 20 wives and sweethearts of us 'Sailjers' helped to add to the gaiety of the occasion.

The highlight of the day came when Santa Claus and his helper distributed gifts for every member of the battery. No one recognized S/Sgt. Elmer Osborne behind that Santa Claus false face until T-4 James McWilliams stepped up with a fist full of honey and shook his hand. The whoop that Osborne let out dispelled any doubt as to his identity.

T-4 Frank Marino as Santa's helper kept the crowd in an uproar. His added stomach kept slipping down around his knees. A cry of "on furlough" went up every time a member's name was called and no one was around to answer.



Chaplain Charles Culpepper said it was wonderful so many could enjoy furloughs as he eyed the pile of gifts, suspiciously. (Well, the moon was kind of bright).

Everyone enjoyed himself and the members of the battery wish to thank Col. Sheldon Smith and the battalion for the gifts which helped make this Christmas a happier one.

Pfc Verlon Cash is renewing acquaintances with his brother. After 18 months separation, his brother, a radioman 3rd class, is spending some time in the Bay Area.

It looks like a busy winter season for the battery athletics. Sport activities include basketball, bowling, ice hockey and swimming. Cpl. James MacGowan with a background of brilliant basketball performances is whipping a team into shape that will be hard to beat.

Christmas greetings and a letter were sent from civilian John G. Wall. He says he has not forgotten the boys and it looks like the rain and snow in Kansas will drive him back to California for employment.

Tec/Sgt. Lowell Seitzinger rang out the old year on a joyous note. He became the proud father of an 8¼ pound baby boy, Philip, on December 28. Congratulations to the happy couple from all their friends at "A" Battery.

GRIDIRON PAUL JONES

Now comes the story about the GI who was embarrassed at the East-West football game when his gal asked him during which quart the touchdown was scored.



DEADLINE SWEAT—A couple of oldtimers in the GI newspaper racket, Sports Ed T-5 Ken Clifford (with pipe sticking out) and Art Ed Sgt. "Mike" Mikos were caught by a sneaky photographer while struggling to make the Christmas Issue deadline. They did, you know. Another volume number has been added.



Heisser Sets New HD Pin Mark; A-174th Leads Mine Flotilla Bowler Tallies Hot 674 Series

Marino Sports 197 Pin Average As A-174th Wins

T-5 Carl Heisser and his B-174th keglers all but tore the Fort Baker alleys to bits last week as Heisser established a new all-time HDSF pin record and the team rolled the highest game and total pinnage marks in the tournament this season.

Heisser, who spends his daytime hours with the Mine Flotilla, tallied a sizzling 674 series, composed of games of 221-249-204. His 249 game also was the highest individual effort of the Class A campaign for the season to date.

The team, meanwhile, lobbed a game of 1,011 pins, scratch, and included Starbuck's 178, Kajewski 175, Winters 247, Bistry 162 and Heisser 249. A total pinnage of 2810, scratch, was also racked and included the following series: Starbuck 563, Kajewski 502, Winters 577, Bistry 494, Heisser 674.

**Only Take Two**

B-174th, however, only managed to nab two of the three games from B-173d, the Tunnelers taking the final game, 930-878. Cpl. Joe Mazur snagged a 544 series to top the Cronkhite team, including a 202 game. Moncur of the Tunnel five came through with a 209 effort.

B-174th the week before pinned the A-172d team back, three games to nothing, T-5 Leonard Winters coming through with a 603 series, including a high game of 224. Tonn of 'A' Battery tallied a 221 game for the losers, and Hudson knocked a 531 series.

Other games found the Lions of B-172d taking three from the Officers, Cpl. Jim Wojcik topping the winners with a 567 series and 243 game. Burns headed the officers with a 527 series and 202 game. The Lions had previously dumped Hq-173d, three to nothing, with Sgt. Norman Hibbard getting a 583 series and 227 high game.

**Kirbymen Win**

A-6th at Battery Kirby slapped a two to one defeat on the hapless A-172d bowlers, although the Barry hillmen took scoring honors, Slade getting a 212 game and Novak high series, 500.

The Officer quint scored a mild upset in taking three games from Hospital Co., although Sullivan of the losers took evening's high honors with a 572 series and 210 game. Capt. George Baker paced the Officers with a 526 series.

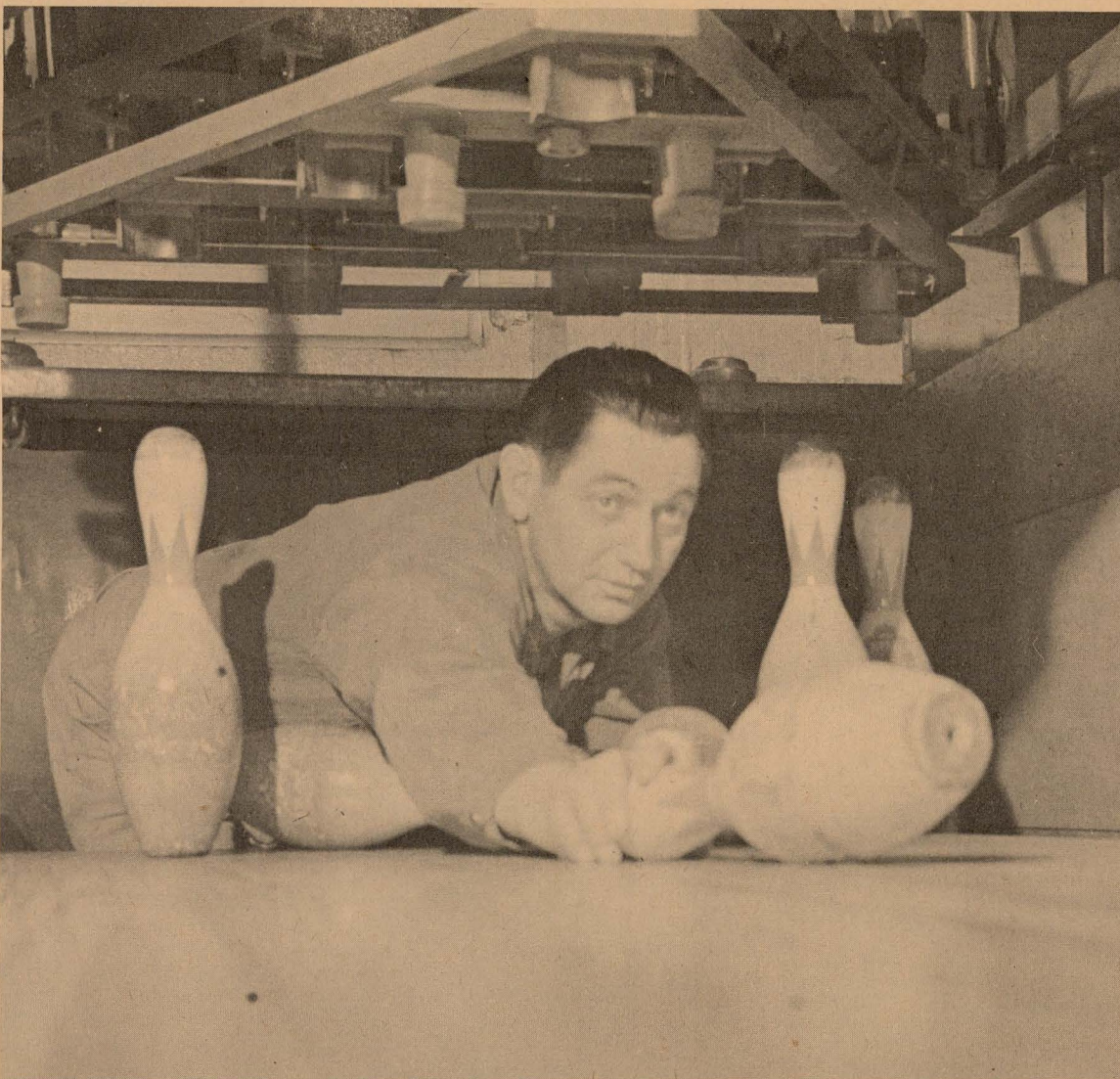
Heisser continues to pace North Bay bowlers in averages after 27 games with a 187 average, followed by Starbuck 180, Winters 174, Minkler 174, Grinus 170.

| TEAM STANDINGS<br>North Bay, Class A |     |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Team                                 | Won | Lost | Pct. |
| B-174th                              | 24  | 3    | .936 |
| B-172d                               | 23  | 4    | .897 |
| B-173d                               | 14  | 10   | .588 |
| A-6th                                | 15  | 12   | .555 |
| Officers                             | 12  | 15   | .415 |
| Hd-173d                              | 9   | 21   | .297 |
| Hosp Co.                             | 7   | 20   | .273 |
| A-172d                               | 4   | 20   | .168 |

ONCE UPON A TIME

Once upon a time a girl went riding with a man and they reached a dark, lonely road. He stopped the car and said, "Girl, there's something wrong with the engine." So— he gets out the pliers and wrench and proceeds to repair the engine. Gets back in the car, drives the girl home. Once upon a time.

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TS, BROTHER! Pvt. Henry Knaub, Fort Scott bowling alley czar and chief pinsetter, is caught by the GGG cameraman picking up the pins after an unfortunate Class A league keglar has left a 6-7-10 pin split. That look in Knaub's eye certainly registers a deplorable situation. The bowler tried to pick up this almost-impossible shot — and missed, of course. (Photo by GGG)

Hq-HDSF Keglers Hold Slim Lead

Hq-HDSF maplemen were stretching themselves this week to keep their one-point lead over A-HDSF in the South Bay Class B handicap bowling loop.

Sullivan was the big noise in the Hq. lineup as he rolled a high 449 series as his outfit topped the Wac quintet, four points to none. Pfc Thersa DiDominicis paced the Armygals with a 414 effort. Hq. came back in their next contest with B-6th, again snagging four points as T-4 Al Brodick took a high 469 series.

B-6th's handicap team appeared a strong threat as they tapped A-174th, four to nothing, with Magryta lofting a round 505 series, but were victims of Hq-HDSF. A-174th got into the win column by taking three points out of four from A-173d, but Sirotti of the Cannoneers grabbed evening's scoring laurels with a 487 series.

A-HDSF has high game with handicap of 870 pins, and Pfc John Sarafolean of A-HDSF has high game of 212 and high series of 537.

| TEAM STANDINGS<br>South Bay, Class B |     |      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Team                                 | Won | Lost | Pct.  |
| Hq-HDSF                              | 8   | 0    | 1.000 |
| A-HDSF                               | 7   | 1    | .875  |
| B-6th                                | 4   | 4    | .500  |
| A-174th                              | 4   | 4    | .500  |
| A-173d                               | 1   | 7    | .125  |
| Wac                                  | 0   | 8    | .000  |

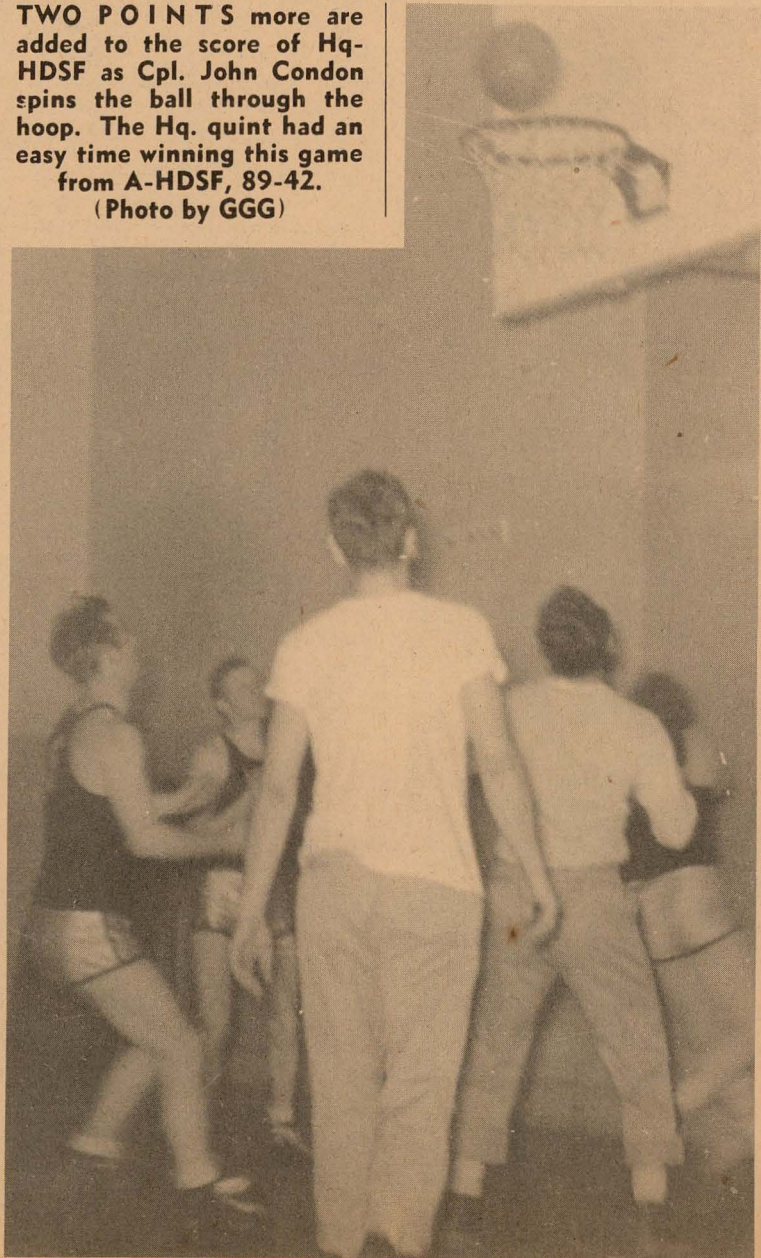
Four Teams Deadlocked In Close Cage Tourney

The race for the casaba crown of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco remained a moot question as the 12 team league entered its fourth week of competition.

The favored Tunnelers of B-173d, Fort Cronkhite, lived up to all advance notices by crushing A-HDSF, 84 to 17, with T-4 Frank Kennedy contributing 28 points and 1st Sgt. C. C. Waddell adding 26 points to the rout. The Cronkhites kept their record unblemished by taking a forfeit from B-174th.

Both Fort Barry fives, A and B batteries of the 172d, loomed as threats, both being undefeated in three sessions. A-172d, with T-5 Earl Benoché and S/Sgt. Glenn Munn the scoring aces, upset a strong A-173d outfit of Fort Fun-

TWO POINTS more are added to the score of Hq-HDSF as Cpl. John Condon spins the ball through the hoop. The Hq. quint had an easy time winning this game from A-HDSF, 89-42. (Photo by GGG)



With Cpl. Frank Marino the impetus behind the ball, keglers of A-174th rolled into the third week of South Bay Class A bowling firmly ahoid of first place with 10 wins and two defeats.

Marino, who last year won the HDSF high average crown with a 187 average for 27 games, personally saw to it that his mates reached top spot by cracking a strong A-HDSF team, three games to nothing, in their initial session. The pin bomber came through with a 632 series, including a torrid 267 individual game, a league high for both sides of the Bay.

1st Sgt. Gus Schmidt, Marino's principal rival, rolled a neat series, too, of 546, but the minemen were too hot.

**Corley Blasts**

Previously, A-174th had blasted B-6th, three games to nothing, Corley leading them with a 522 series. Marino did not bowl. The Navy put 'A' in the loss column for the first time when they took the final game of their contest. Marino led 'A' to wins in the other two games with a 607 series doing the damage. C-172d was A-174th's next victim, two games to one, although T-5 Don Schreiber snaked a high 559 series.

The Mileymen and Hq-HDSF put on one of the best matches in many a moon, with Hq. coming out on top, two games to one, but not before some nice fat series had been tallied. Day and Sedlak of Hq. counted a 610 and 600 series, respectively, and Rees' 553, Schreiber's 516, Stahl's 542 and Hollingsworth's 543 topped 'C' Battery's scoring.

Hq. came through to take three from Navy, Sedlak rolling a 559 and Day a 534 for the winners, and also three from B-6th. A-HDSF stopped them short, however, winning all three games as Schmidt rolled a 517 for 'A' and Noone 508 for Hq.

**612 for Van**

A quiet gent from Fort Funston named Van Houten showed plenty of pin action as he led his A-173d quintet to a three-nothing win over B-6th. Van Houten rolled a 612 series, including games of 222 and 210. The Cannoneers ran into trouble against Schmidt's A-HDSF team and lost two out of three as Schmidt cracked a 577 and Van Houten a 570. C-172d took two games from them, too, although Zugietich of the Cannoneers marked a 574 to beat Schreiber's 561 for 'C.'

Navy gave the Cannoneers a rude session by dumping them three to nothing. The best Van Houten could do was a 506 and Bachant topped the sailors with a 498.

Hq-SCU, with Peterson's 488 the high series, slapped the Navy, two games to one, but lost a three-nothing deal the next day to C-172d as Schreiber's 539 made the difference. Jane snagged a 506 series later as the SCUers dropped B-6th, two to one.

Hq-HDSF holds high game to date of 972 while C-172d has bowled over the most pins, 10,253, for an 855 average.

| TEAM STANDINGS<br>South Bay, Class A |     |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|------|
| Team                                 | Won | Lost | Pct. |
| A-174th                              | 10  | 2    | .833 |
| Hq-HDSF                              | 8   | 4    | .667 |
| C-172d                               | 7   | 5    | .583 |
| A-HDSF                               | 5   | 4    | .556 |
| Hq-SCU                               | 4   | 5    | .445 |
| A-173d                               | 5   | 7    | .417 |
| Navy                                 | 5   | 7    | .417 |
| B-6th                                | 1   | 11   | .083 |

**AH, PASSION!**

Tenderly he pushed her quivering shoulders against the chair. She raised beseeching eyes in which faint hope and fear were struggling. From her parted lips the breath came in short, wrenching gasps. Reassuringly he smiled at her.

Bzzzzzz went the dentist's drill.

**Cavaleers Plead**

The West Portal Cavaleers, representing the 122d Rec. Cavalry, HDSF's most recent entry into the basketball tournament, is on the prowl for cage games outside the tourney.

Nights open include Wednesday evenings at Fort Barry, Friday nights away.

Interested teams are urged to contact Cpl. Busch or Pvt. Zisk at Barry 120.

Hockey League Slated

Local Club Appears Strong

Fielding one of the strongest outfits in the loop, the Harbor Defense ice hockey team will begin competition in the Bay Area Servicemen's Ice Hockey tournament Wednesday night, Jan. 10, at Sutro's Ice Ring, according to Pfc Bill James, player-coach.

Tentatively slated to play in the all-GI puck tourney are ice teams from the HDSF, Western Defense Command, 4th Air Forces, Fort Mason and the Marines. Pending further arrangements by Capt. Brewer of WDC, chairman of the league, no playing schedule has been drawn up to date.

Transportation to and from the games will be furnished by the Harbor Defenses, according to the athletic and recreation office, but soldiers will be charged a special servicemen's rate of 50 cents to see the matches. The charge is being made to help pay for the uniforms and equipment, it was stated.

The Harbor Defense club appears to be set for a good season, according to James, and the recent acquisition of T-5 John Cablk, Hq-HDSF, ex-Chicago Hornet hockey star, girds the club to full strength. Tentative first string members are T-5 John Laidoner, goalie; Sgt. Ed Hooven and T-5 Don Anderson, defense; Cablk, left wing; Pvt. Don Weber, right wing; James, center.





Don't kid yourself; the Harbor Defense sports a sweet ice hockey club.

These coast artillery GI's have gone to a lot of extra bother and trouble whipping the squad into shape. It should be the duty of every soldier in the HDSF to back the team as much as possible.

The coming all-service hockey loop should be a thriller, and, although it will cost the local soldier four-bits to see the contests at Sutro's, it will well be worth the admission. Granted the hockey won't be major league calibre, but it will be fast, rough, spirited and — for keeps.

The local athletic and recreation offices have done everything in their power to make available to all soldiers plenty of sports they like—and will play—from ping pong to bowling to ice hockey. A while back the possibility of an HDSF soccer team was "sounded out," but fell by the way when an insufficient number of soldiers professed a competitive interest for the game.

There are not very many men in the Harbor Defenses who were interested enough to play ice hockey, but there were enough to compose a team with a couple of alternates. That was enough for A&R; we've got a club and they represent us.

**NOTES FROM THE CUFF:** There should be a law against guys like T-4 Frank Kennedy, the towering 6 ft. 6½ in. basketball player of B-173d. The lanky pivot, emulating the notorious Bob Kurland of Oklahoma A&M, often reaches up and grabs the ball out of the mouth of the basket a second before it's on its way through the loop. This can be very exasperating to good shooters . . . T-5 Carl Heisser's fat 674 bowling series last week is a new Harbor Defense mark, although S/Sgt. Charles Johnson, ex-SCU bowler, snagged a 706 series downtown one night while kegling for the now defunct Fort Scott Gunners. Johnson's mark, however, can hardly be claimed as a HDSF mark as it was not rolled on any of the local alleys.

We note with interest that the Washington State College basketball coach says that Pfc Gale Bishop "better than Hank Luisetti." Bishop, as you know, was at this station with Hq-SCU for about six weeks before being shipped back to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is now captain of the GI basketball team there. In 12 games played this year for Lewis, Bishop has averaged 30 points per game, and that's against top-notch outfits. Pfc Ray Volz, who set the HDSF league afire last season for Hq-SCU, plays center for the Fort Lewis team, too. Bishop, when he was here at Scott, told us that as a kid his favorite sports athlete was Luisetti, and that he "tried to emulate him." Looks like he's doing a good job.

Two old friends met last week. When Pfc Bill James, player-coach of the HDSF ice hockey team, was sitting around wondering who would play on his club, T-5 John Cablk, a GI messenger, walked in. Before Cablk left he was signed up. It seems that James and Cablk played

Sport Sketches

By Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos

T-4

Frank

KENNEDY

FRANK IS THE 6 FT. 6½ IN. CENTER FOR THE BTRY. B-173d C.A.B.N. BASKETBALL TEAM.

KENNEDY HELD ALL-CONFERENCE AND ALL-STATE TITLES WHILE PLAYING CENTER AT EDMOND, OKLA. HIGH SCHOOL.

HE ONCE PLAYED ON AN INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL TEAM OF WHICH PITCHER CARL HUBBELL WAS A FORWARD.

HIS HIGH FOR SCORING WAS 68 POINTS WITH OKLA. BAPTIST U. AGAINST NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE.

FOOTBALL AND TRACK WERE HIS PET SPORTS WHILE AT EDMOND HIGH SCHOOL—HE RAN THE 880 IN 1 MIN. 58 SEC. ALSO THE 440 AND RELAY. SET MARK OF 6 FT. 4½ IN. IN HIGH JUMP AT THE FT. WORTH-DALLAS TRACK MEET IN 1933.

PLAYED FORWARD ON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PHILLIPS 66 OILERS TEAM IN 1938-39. THE TEAM REACHED SEMI-FINALS. KENNEDY HAD FOR TEAM MATES ALL-AMERICANS SANDY SANDERSON ANDY ANDERSON GRADY LEWIS ROY WITHOIT

"MIKE" MIKOS

James 'Hot' In Puck Win

Pfc Bill James, former Michigan-Ontario hockey league star, proved to be a one-man rampage Tues. evening, Dec. 26, when he personally led the Harbor Defense pucksters to a 9 to 0 whitewashing of the rough Fourth Air Force team in a practice game at Sutro's.

The wiry-haired James accounted for the first four scores from his center position. The first came at 2:01 on an assist by Sgt. Ed Hooven, then another score followed at 5:04 on the same combination.

T-5 John Cablk, former Chicago Hornet star at Hq-HDSF, helped James score his third point at 7:15, then James wound up first period scoring, unassisted, at 9:06.

The HDSFers had an easy time from then on out, Hooven and Cablk each scoring twice and Pvt. Don Weber once.

Harbor Defense (9) (0) 4th Air Force

|          |    |             |
|----------|----|-------------|
| Laidoner | G  | Fore        |
| Weber    | D  | Nitsch      |
| Anderson | D  | Abbott      |
| Hooven   | LW | Hartel      |
| Cablk    | RW | Walsh       |
| James    | C  | Hendrickson |

**Scoring:**  
1st period—James, 2:01 (Hooven); James, 5:04 (Hooven); James, 7:15 (Cablk); James, 9:06 (unassisted).

2nd period — Hooven, 3:30 (James); Cablk, 5:55 (Weber); 7:00 (James, Hooven); Hooven, 7:54 (unassisted).

**Substitutions:** HDSF—Golden, Olson, Wojcik, Gombkota, 4th AF—Marley, Leggett, Taft, Simms, Imbreuglio.

**GOOD FRIENDS**  
The stork and the wolf generally work in the same neighborhood.

**FUBAR**  
Things are becoming so confused in Washington that even the spies don't know what's going on!

against one another while on the rink in Chicago; now they play on the same team . . . Pfc Charlie Abbott, coach of the 4th Air Force ice hockey club, former Baltimore pro player, tells us the HDSF has a good outfit but that his team of airmen can whip the local crew. The Flyers' squad consists of a major, a captain, a lieutenant, two corporals, two Pfc's and two privs. There's one thing wrong with this: our boys believe RHIP means nothing in an athletic contest.

MORE ABOUT BASKETBALL

ston, 57 to 46. Rich and Gregson of the Funston quint looped 16 and 14 points each, respectively.

**Hq-HDSF Upset**  
B-172d, the Fort Barry Lions, came into the picture by the back door by edging a hot Hq-HDSF five, 37 to 32, in one of the most thrilling games seen in the Scott gym this season. The lead changed hands

TEAM STANDINGS

| Team      | Won | Lost | Pct.  |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|
| B-173d    | 4   | 0    | 1.000 |
| A-172d    | 3   | 0    | 1.000 |
| B-172d    | 3   | 0    | 1.000 |
| A-174th   | 2   | 0    | 1.000 |
| C-172d    | 2   | 1    | .667  |
| A-6th     | 2   | 1    | .667  |
| Hq-HDSF   | 2   | 1    | .667  |
| B-174th   | 1   | 2    | .333  |
| A-173d    | 1   | 3    | .250  |
| Hosp. Co. | 1   | 3    | .250  |
| A-HDSF    | 0   | 2    | .000  |
| B-6th     | 0   | 3    | .000  |
| 122d Cav. | 0   | 0    | .000  |

seven times until Cpl. Ted Lipczynski took matters into his own hands, sinking the necessary points that won the game. Sgt. Al Beekman, who the previous week had scored 58 points in a single game for a new HDSF scoring mark, was limited to a meagre eight points by tight Lion guarding.

T-4 Joe Fernandez with his 13 points led the Lions to a 48 to 40 win over A-173d, Fort Funston, although Rich took evening scoring honors for the Cannoneers with 20 points. Tucker tallied 12 and Lipczynski 11 for the Lions and Gregson counted 10 for the Cannoneers.

After a slow start, A-174th came up with a brace of wins with T-5 Bill Murdy the main threat. The Scottsters took a forfeit from Hospital Co., and then scuttled A-173d in a hard-fought game, 46 to 33. Rich sunk 11 points for the losers to take evening scoring honors, however.

**Miley Five Loses**  
The Miley men of C-172d were sailing along in good shape until they bumped into Hq-HDSF who upset them, 56 to 53. Sgt. Al Beekman led the winners with 18 points but was forced to share evening scoring honors with T-4 Jim Hollingsworth who also chalked up 18 points. Hollingsworth's team-

Lion Keglers Knock Over B-174th To Assume Handicap League Lead

Handicap bowlers of B-172d, Fort Barry, jumped into the top spot in the North Bay Class B bowling league by knocking off their number one contenders, B-174th's Team No. 1, three points to one, last week at Fort Baker.

Pfc Mike Bellora of the Lions paced the winners with a high 522 series and a high 183 game.

Cpl. Dick Greer led Hq-174th Team No. 1 to a four to nothing victory over the Medical Officers with a 520 series, and Hospital Co. came back into the running with a shut-out four to nothing win over A-172d. Cherry topped the winners with a 525 series.

**Sailors Win**  
B-174th's Team No. 2 crept into third place with a four-nothing reversal of the Hospital Co. outfit with Johnson's high 540 series doing the dirty work. The quint came back a couple of nights later to take another shut-out from the Medical Officers. Laskowski topped the winners with a 476 series.

Other games have been played, according to Pfc Bill Rudy, but the scoring sheets have not been turned in for computation.

TEAM STANDINGS  
North Bay, Class B

| Team          | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|---------------|-----|------|------|
| B-172d        | 27  | 1    | .964 |
| B-174th No. 1 | 24  | 3    | .880 |
| B-174th No. 2 | 21  | 11   | .651 |
| Hosp. Co.     | 14  | 14   | .500 |
| Hq-173d       | 10  | 10   | .500 |
| A-172d        | 9   | 11   | .450 |
| A-6th         | 4   | 24   | .144 |
| Med. Off.     | 3   | 29   | .093 |

Cavaleer Cagers Lose 49-46 Tilt; Double Overtime

After leading the majority of the game, the Cavaleer basketball team of the 122d Rec. at West Portal blew their advantage in the dying moments of the contest to enable the Coast Guard of Fort Point to tie them and eventually whip them in two overtime periods, 49 to 46.

The Cavaleers, led by the great shooting of Pvt. Harry Zisk, grabbed an 18-16 advantage at the halftime, but the Coast Guard evened the score at 42-all as the final gun sounded.

At the end of the first overtime period the tally was 44-all, but the Coast Guard forward, Elsen, took care of things in the second overtime as he led his cohorts to their 49-46 advantage.

Zisk tied with Elsen for high-point honors with 14 points, but a great floor game was turned in at center by T-5 Stanley Peeters of the Cavaleers.

C. G. (49) (46) Cavaleers

|  |   |                |
|--|---|----------------|
| Elsen (14)   | F | (14) Zisk      |
| Rowley (11)  | F | (10) Rosenberg |
| Franklin (10)  | C | (8) Peeters    |
| Runyon (6)   | G | (6) Lovelace   |
| Johnson (4)  | G | (4) Landsberg  |
| Subs: Coast Guard—Norris (2); Young (2). Cavaleers—Melnik (4). |   |                |

mate, Tyc, trailed closely with 17 digits.

'C' Battery, meanwhile, had upset dreams of the "dark horse" A-6th quint with a convincing 40 to 25 reversal. Hollingsworth set the pace with 13 points while Tyc was hooping 8 and Smith 7 for A-6th.

The HDSF cage league was sliced to 12 teams when Navy Det., Hospital Co., and Hq-174th withdrew from the tournament. The 122d Rec. Cavaleers of West Portal were added to the list in place of the Hq-174th team.

Hector Ye Selector Screwball Sport X-pert Picks 'All-1944 Bests'

Hector The Selector, for want of something to select now the gridiron season is over, has selected his "Bests of 1944":

**Best flop:** Lou (Cosmic Punch) Nova, whose principal rise was off the canvas.

**Best success:** Army's football machine, which Eisenhower is seriously contemplating putting on the Rhine front to block out advancing Nazis.

**Best woman athlete:** Ann Curtis, whose figure figured prominently in a swimming pool, too.

**Best lover of football:** "There is nothing educational in post-season games, such as the Rose Bowl," by Big Ten athletic czar, a professor of Victorian English at Wisconsin U.

**Best TS incident:** Sgt. Jim Ferrier's loss of first place dough in the San Francisco open golf tourney when his ball lodged between two branches in a tree. He used his niblick as a pool cue to shoot the shot, at the same time dropping the match by one stroke to By Nelson.

**Best laff:** The ref of the Army-Notre Dame grid game who made the mistake of getting between Doc Blanchard and an Irish griddier. Result—fractured arm and a substitute ref.

**Best indoor athlete:** Allegedly Charles Chaplin, but probably Welker Cochran, San Francisco billiard wizard, who upset Willie Hoppe for the U. S. pool championship.

**Best comeback:** U. of Utah basketball team which substituted for another team at NCAA tourney, then won it.

**Best money-saver:** Ban on horse racing, thereby saving many happy homes from breaking up and saving more money for War Bond purchases.

**Best GI athlete:** Pvt. Billy Harrel, 18, of Fort Bliss, Texas, who made TC-87 sissy stuff by completing 6,666 consecutive situps.

**Best racehorse:** Sir Echo, one of Crosby's dobbies, who has never won a race but still possesses plenty of horse-sense: at least he doesn't bet on people.

**Best luck:** San Francisco sassy Seals winning the PCL baseball pennant from Los Angeles, scoring the winning run on an easy bouncer that should have been an out, the batter eventually scoring on the same play.

**Best news:** The signing of Pete Gray, amazing one-armed baseball player, to a major league contract by the St. Louis Browns.

**BIG THINKER**  
A military expert is a guy who tells you today what is going to happen tomorrow and who tells you tomorrow why it didn't happen today.

Male Call by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

MISS LACE, THEY TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN AROUND WITH MANY MARINES—SO I THOUGHT I'D COME ALONGSIDE AND GIVE YOU A BREAK...

WELL, THAT'S MIGHTY WHITE OF YOU, GENERAL!—FIND YOURSELF A BATTLE STATION WHILE I RIG TO REPEL BOARDERS!

SHALL WE GET DOWN TO LASHIN' LIPS RIGHT AWAY—OR WOULD YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU A FILL-IN ON MY FLUFF LOG?...LESSEE, THERE WAS THAT TRIM BIM IN DAGO...

LOOK, GYRENE, WHEN YOU BUILD UP THIS KIND OF PRESSURE SOMETHING'S GOT TO GIVE—AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ME...

Daddy, Would They Bust A Marine For This?

YOU MEAN YOU'RE TURNIN' DOWN A MARINE?

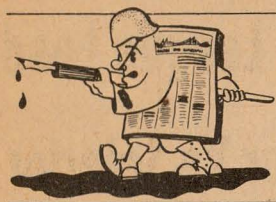
IT'S A MAGGIE, BRAGGY... YOU SEVENED OUT... NO DEAL!

DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, PARD... I WON'T TELL A SOUL...

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## FUNSTON CANNONEERS

By S/Sgt. Bill Ewing.

Now that Christmas is over and everyone has shaken the hand of old St. Nick and eaten turkey to their hearts content the boys had fun kicking the old year out and ushering the new one in.

S/Sgt. Henneberg is completing plans for a very special padded swivel bottom chair for Pfc 'Chow Hound' Migschitz.

A schedule is being made of the chow run from the battery to the BC station so Sergeant Sulewski won't attempt to starve his men any more. Sgt. Sammy Williams has a very sound plan to follow in the future.

Pvt. R. E. Scott, 'dead eye Dick,' is very good at hunting ducks, especially in restricted pools. How



about a little hush money, pretty quack.

Captain Van Hala, now on leave, is having a good time while Lt. Paul Gentile plays the BC part and grows a few grey hairs in the bargain. But never fear, the lieutenant still has plenty of the stuff that slays them according to the number of feminine growls that greeted his appearance on a recent shopping tour.

Anyone knowing of a good bicycle to trade for a steam engine please contact Lieutenant Zeidman who is willing to reward handsomely to rid himself of the galloping Lena he now has.

Those who have seen Sergeant Henneberg do his trick dance with a tray full of pies got quite a laugh. Robert however isn't quite as young as he used to be and shouldn't kick so high.

Cpl. 'Goose Juice' Gregson is now in a war again. He has at last received word from the little chick but something tells me his enjoyment will be short lived after the trick he pulled on yours truly. Pfc Joe Clark and 'Swamp Rabbit' Morgan are now taking lessons in how to shoot pool particularly since a lovely young lady beat them badly.

'Fatty' Thornton is up to his old tricks again giving all the boys a snow job. The men of the battery extend their wishes to everyone for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## 'B' LIONS

By Cpl. Al Manmiller

Greetings to all from an old battery friend who left the C.A. to enter the Army Ground Forces came via V-mail recently when Sgt. Bill Compton dropped us a line. Bill writes from the Philippines and tells about several of his experiences there.

Bill said he'd like to eat some of S/Sgt. Joe Grinus' chow again. His address is Sgt. William Compton 36076092, 49th Ftr. Cont. Sq. "Sep," APO 72, c/o postmaster, San Francisco.

Since topkick Arthur Swift left for his New Orleans, La., furlough, the battery is under the control of the one and only S/Sgt. Richard U. McGee. Dick is doing a good job as "acting gadget."

Mess Sgt. Joe Grinus was responsible for the nice Christmas-decorated mess hall. It looked like a gigantic Christmas tree. But the dinner topped all; this was the first meal that T-5 Howard Kafer didn't go back for a second helping.

Lots of men were noticed loosening belts, especially Pvt. Abelardo Lopez. You better watch out for that figure, Abie.

Our own Willie Hoppe, Pvt. Fred Thompson, has been getting some competition lately. Quite frequently Pfc 'Sure Shot' Medina has beaten Tommy to the pool table. Recently the pool table was re-covered and 'Sure Shot' had his cue all chalked up before the last screw was tightened.

## SCOTT WACS

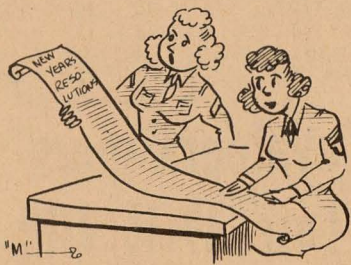
Keeping in mind the fact that it's a woman's privilege to change her mind several members of the Wac Co. have made the following New Year's resolutions subject to reservation:

Lt. Jean Holzhauser has resolved to continue those daily walks and do without dessert while Lt. Patricia (Mom) Elwell has promised herself to write the letters first and address the envelopes later.

First Sgt. Mabel La Far has a diamond ring. All those things will take place some time around March of '45 if her joint resolution with S/Sgt. Frederick Whitt of the 396th AAA AW Bn doesn't strike any duty snags.

S/Sgt. Florence Vandergriff has resolved not to make any resolutions and thereby really looks forward to enjoying the New Year.

Sgt. Cora Wilson sees the boy friend meeting the family as she peers into the old crystal ball of



'45. It's an old Louisiana custom in the Wilson family.

T-4 Elizabeth Horvath is looking forward to the day when she owns a stove of her own with a home of her own and someone to cook for while T-4 Kathleen Rogers says when she's a civilian she is going to kiss the typewriter goodbye and go to work as a Powers model.

T-4 Lillie Tomishoff has heard the boys overseas like homemade potato salad and if Lillie has her way she will be over there in the front lines serving it up. Ellen Westlund who also answers to T-4 says that she has decided not to be upset by little things during the coming year and Cpl. Irene Jones is going on the "Hollywood Reducing Diet."

Orientator T-5 Carol Tropaur and Pvt. Ruth Walker are searching for that bar of gold at the end of the OCS rainbow while Pfc Dora Marsh is still pulling the petals off of daisies trying to make up her mind.

Pfc Rose Peskur is taking her slogan for '45 from the Canadian Mounties and if so will get her MP and build a little love nest all her own.

What's been happening to T-4 Wilbur Beebe lately? Is it those vitamin pills he's eating that gives



him all the energy? Or is it the atmosphere he gets into when he goes out with Cpl. Phil Albanese?

During a recent maneuver held in Elk Valley, the boys got a taste of trying to outmaneuver a simulated enemy (A Btry). During the course of the maneuver, the boys were drenched by a sudden downpour of rain. Cpl. Maynard 'Bus' Rowland looked like a sponge held under water, according to reports.

During the holidays mail bags have been filled to overflowing with packages and cards for the boys. But just before Christmas our mail clerk, T-5 Francis Smith, left on a six-day furlough. So the appointed assistant, Pvt. Ken Eshleman, was left holding the bag.

Since this issue will be distributed after the holidays, your reporter wishes to take a few lines to wish men in this battery a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## PRIVATE PUNS

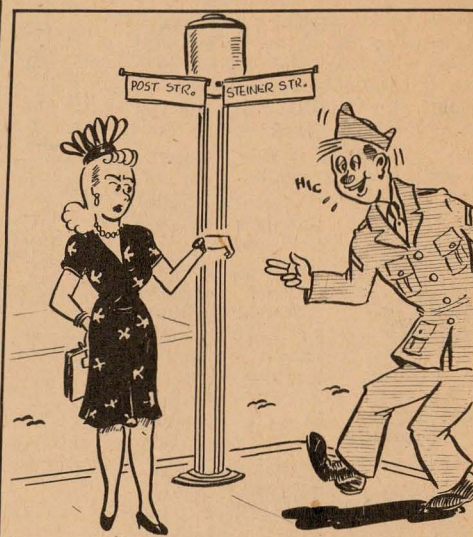
by "MIKE" MIKOS

"COLLECTING BATTLE SOUVENIRS TOO... EH?"

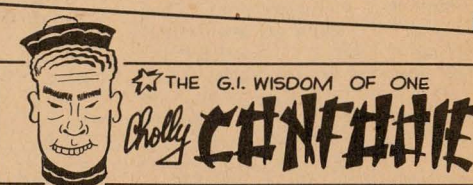


## POME

MY BOY... BEWARE THE BABY STARE,  
BECAUSE IF IT'S A BLUFF...  
SHE KNOWS TOO MUCH... AND IF IT'S NOT—  
SHE DOESN'T KNOW ENOUGH.



"SORRY DEAR... BETTER LIT THAN NEVER."



- ★ G.I. WOLF IS SOLDIER WHO SPENDS THE BEST YEARS OF HIS LIFE ON WOMEN.
- ★ SOME YARDBIRDS ARE LIKE NUDISTS—YOU CAN'T PIN ANYTHING ON THEM.
- ★ SOLDIER WHO RUSHES HEADLONG INTO ARGUMENT USUALLY COME OUT FEET FIRST.
- ★ SOME SOLDIERS DON'T MIND LEADING A DOG'S LIFE IF THEY GET PETTED ONCE AWHILE.
- ★ SOLDIER SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY WHERE ONE CAN DO WHAT HIS FIRST SERGEANT WANTS HIM TO DO.
- ★ SOLDIER WATCHING FAN DANCER AT WORK WILL GRADUALLY BECOME HIP-NOTISED.
- ★ SMALLEST OF ALL PACKAGES IS SOLDIER WHO IS WRAPPED UP IN HIMSELF.
- ★ STEALING A KISS MAY BE PETTY LARCENY BUT SOMETIMES IT'S GRAND.

by "MIKE" MIKOS

## 'SAILJERS'

By T/5 Ray Colonna

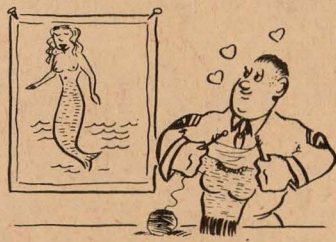
Now that Christmas and New Year is over, the boys are slowly rounding back into shape. A good time was had by all over the holiday week ends. The boys got into the spirit of Yule and the Yule spirits got into them. Plenty of turkey was in evidence and full stomachs seemed to be the order of the day.

Pfc Gallo, T-5 Gilbert and T-5 Roach were the lucky ones, spending their Christmas at home.

A good laugh was had by all when 'Pathfinder' Modelewski led Pfc Golemo out to Burlingame while searching for 22d Street.

Orchids to the GGG for that very special Christmas issue. It was a beauty and everyone enjoyed it.

NOTES FROM THE BILGES: T-5 Laidoner has taken up knitting for a hobby. He is working on a sweater at present. Judging by its design, it



probably is intended to keep a mermaid warm... What's this about Junior Huddleston getting Carl Johnson in on a double date with a couple of Sausalito beauties, and then both of them being stood up?

Congratulations to 'Beast' Mazureo on graduating to 'Staff.' He is now sole dispenser of mops, brooms, paint and brass polish....

## GI VIRTUOSO

We know a certain HDSF noncom who is learning to play a piano because a glass of beer falls off a violin.

## BAKER MEDICS

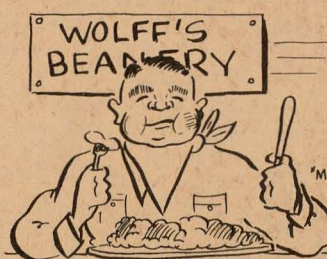
The battery lost one of its most loyal members last week when Cpl. Edward Leonard passed away following injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. In words of Dinah Shore, "he was GOOD man," and every man in the company mourns his absence.

Just to show you what an indispensable man Lt. Bob Findlay was, it took four officers to replace him. Findlay is destined for Fort Lewis, Wash., and new brass picked up was Lt. Howard Lubarsky, Lt. Donald Miller, Capt. Thomas Carden and Capt. Robert Chamberlain.

S/Sgt. Amos Higgins, who brandishes the scalpel as a surgical technician, has left the hospital portals for Chillicothe, Ohio, and Cpl. Robert P. Miller is rolling in Pa. snow.

Wedding bells brought to a close the furlough of T/Tgt. Cleo Edwards who took the "39 steps" with T-5 Doris Patrick, a cute Wac who works next door to his x-ray lab with the blood test department.

Wolff's Beanery was in for a rugged beating when T-5 Jack Duncan returned from his Sacramento, Calif., furlough. "Civilian life is



really gastronomically snafu," Duncan said.

The company's ex-topkick, Bob Schultz, returned to Fort Baker for a short visit the other day. Bob is currently stationed with an Italian POW outfit at Wilmington, Calif. He passed out seegers for his new daughter, Cheryl.

## THE LOST BATTALION

By Pfc Jess Haigler

... and it seems that everyone had a VERY Merry Christmas. Here's hoping that you fellows don't keep up the strenuous celebration too long. Who could the gay party have been who insisted they have a private table in a certain mess hall on Christmas Eve? AT EASE, Men.

Thanks to DRO Pfc 'Wes' Akehurst, who spent quite a bit of time and effort in decorating the mess hall for the Holidays. The outstanding feature in the mess hall on Christmas Day was a table decorated with pine branches upon which were stacked candy, fruit, popcorn, nuts and other goodies.

It seems that Pvt. Sammartano and his wife were unable to get something to eat before attending a recent show at Happy Valley's



post theatre. How did Jenny like the sandwich? It was a mystery to unbeknowning onlookers whether she would make a right or left flank attack into that four decker special. One could plainly see who does ALL the cooking in the Sammartano home.

Top Kick John Johnston is now home in Pennsylvania possibly enjoying a White Christmas. 1st Sgt. Edwin Jackson is replacing Johnston until his return. Welcome, Sarg.

Congratulations to S/Sgt. Muehleman, Sgt. Whitlock and Cpl. Bowman who recently received higher ratings.



# Harbor Defense Totals \$62,744 In 6th War Loan

## Drive Tops All Previous Efforts; 'Minutemen' Score

With GI Bond allotments on the upswing and hundreds of Harbor Defense soldiers laying aside extra War Bonds for cash, the HDSF's Sixth War Loan topped all previous efforts with a War Bond total purchase amount of \$62,744.25, it was revealed last week by Post War Bond offices.

Nearest total to tally anywhere near the stratospheric amount credited during the Six War Loan was chalked up six months ago during the Fifth Loan when slightly more than \$40,000 passed through local War Bond coffers.

Much of the success of the completed drive was credited to fast work on part of battery and company "minutemen," who constantly sold soldier pals on the sound business of buying Bond the easy Class B allotment way.

### Tidy Sum

Harbor Defense contributed the largest single amount to the total, \$39,059.35, which included both cash purchases and Class B Allotments during the two-month period of November - December. Of that amount, \$27,075.25 was tallied through cash purchases.

Remainder of the HDSF total came from SCU Bond buyers and civilian employees who came through with a \$23,685 effort. Of this amount, slightly more than \$8,000 came through cash purchases; the remainder came the simple way—Class B Allotment and Class A pay reservation.

Civilian employees virtually insured the post drive success with their \$18,606.25 credit of both cash and pay reservation Bonds. SCU made up the difference.

### Christmas Savings

Largest single cash purchasing battery during the drive was Hq-HDSF, Fort Scott, which accumulated an amazing \$8,827.50 total, seven-eighths of which was added during the usually heavy Christmas months when money was diverted elsewhere.

Following these were CAMPS, \$4,867.50; 6th CA Bn., \$4,627.50; 178d CA Bn., \$3,498.75; 174th CA Bn., \$3,346.25; SCU 1932, \$2,112.50; 173d CA Bn., \$1,665.

**SAVE A BUDDY'S life . . . donate a pint of blood today . . . phone 3678 for appointment.**

### Help the Kids

There are quite a number of young people who would like nothing better than to be able to march like so many of their soldier friends do.

These youngsters can't because they have been crippled with infantile paralysis. But they MAY be able to walk someday if we do something about it.

Let's remember those kids this payday by dumping in a few sheekles in the "March of Dimes" box. The money collected goes toward mending the broken bodies of those stricken by the dread disease.

Your dollars and dimes can be a sound investment in the kid brothers and kid sisters of Yanks everywhere.

### Year of Service Brings Pfc Rate

Buck Privates can become Privates First Class without much bucking, according to a new WD order.

After a soldier has served one year in the Army he is entitled to be considered for that first stripe. There is no more table of organization to worry about and if, in the opinion of his unit commander, the soldier has demonstrated deserving qualities he may receive the promotion through unit orders.

Yanks who have served overseas and do not have a full year of service may be considered for the four bucks extra a month that accompanies the stripe as soon as they return to the States.

### Former Chaplain Assistants Make Promising Shave-tails

Former chaplain's assistant, Cpl. E. D. Trexler, recently wrote friends at Fort Scott. Trexler is now a lieutenant in the QM and is stationed in Washington, D. C.

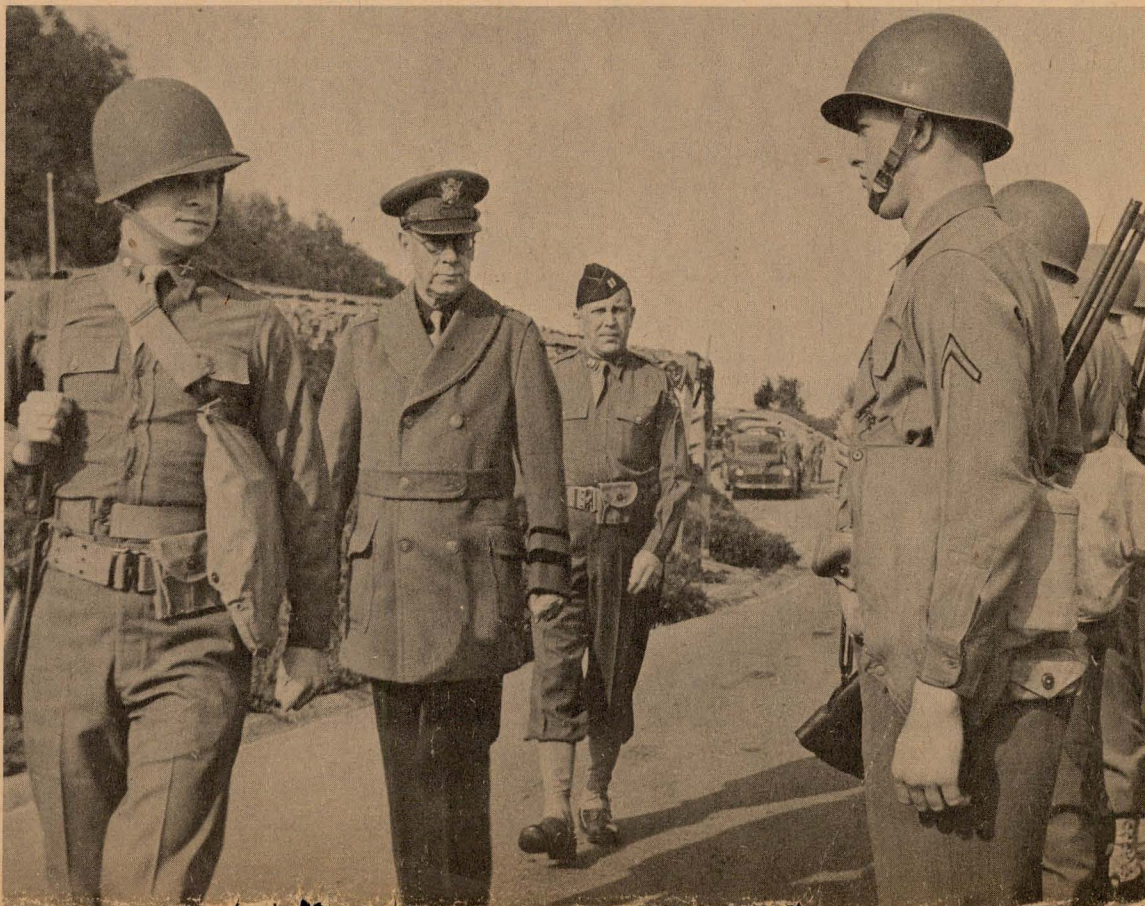
T-5 Frank T. Casey, another chaplain's assistant who served at the Fort Scott chapel not so long ago, writes that he is getting the works at Carlyle Barracks, Pa. Frank expects to wear the golden bar in medical administration by spring.



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**THE ONCE OVER**—On his recent visit to HDSF installations, Maj. Gen. H. Conger Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, had a first hand glimpse of big gun artillerymen at Fort Funston. "I was pleased with what I saw," the general commented. (Photo by GGG.)

## Maj. Rowland Comes Home After 31 Fights Through Flak

Back after 31 missions over Europe's flak filled skies, Major David Rowland, 23-year-old son of Col. Arthur E. Rowland, post commander, was relaxing at home with his parents this week on his first leave after almost 18 months in battle.

"For those back home still living in luxury it is very difficult to comprehend what fighting the enemy really means," the young flyer said. Since graduation from West Point

in the Class of '42, Major Rowland has participated in some of the most devastating raids over France and Germany as pilot of Flying Fortresses, flight leader, squadron operations officer and group operations officer.

### Air Medal and DFC

He has been cited for valor and wears several ribbons. Among them are the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross with OLC.

Major Rowland led many bombing missions, some formations with as many as 400 Forts, deep into Germany and in softening up measures that paved the way for the successful landings in "Fortress Europe."

When questioned about his experiences, Major Rowland dismissed it with a shrug of his shoulders:

"You just can't help seeing things and experiencing things when flying over enemy territory with flak bursting all around and fighter planes zig-zagging about for a kill shot. Flying a Fort is hard work, but so are the other jobs.

"Full and equal credit should be given the bombardier, navigator, gunners and ground crew. It is the combined efforts of all that make a trip to Berlin and back possible."

What Major Rowland failed to mention was that he has had several narrow escapes from death. Members of his crew have suffered injuries, some of them fatal, but the major has come through unscathed.

### Closest Call

His closest rendezvous with death occurred some months ago while acting operations officer in a formation of Forts returning from a routine mission at night. A pilot in a forward plane, evidently fatigued from the long flight, misjudged his distance with the plane ahead and dive crashed into the tail assembly.

Both planes went down in flames. The Fort in which Major Rowland was riding was too close to avoid the planes locked in death and the pilot, though swerving the plane hard to the left, brushed against the flaming wreckage.

The two right motors were torn loose and part of the right wing was severed. There was only one thing to do—jump. But in order to do so one man had to remain with the plane and steady it while the others baled out. It was almost certain death for whoever took over the controls.

### Rowland Takes Over

Major Rowland, being the senior officer aboard, ordered the men to leap while he took over the controls. (Continued on Page 3)

## Gen. Pratt Is Pleased With Artillery Set-up

### Yipe Yipe

Fair warning to all mutts has been delivered by Capt. Arthur Fidgeon, PM officer, who goes about his business in a fast moving motorcycle.

It seems that every hound on the post takes after the good captain when he whirls about on his motor bike, and more than one has grabbed ahold of the PM's trouser cuff causing him a near nasty spill.

From now on Captain Fidgeon tours on his vehicle with a billy club at hand. If a pooch so much as barks in the wrong direction he will get a slap over the noggin, the provost marshal promises.

### Popular Chaplain Transferred Out

Catholic Chaplain John J. Morley, who has been stationed in the HDSF for 18 months, was transferred last week to a Chaplain's replacement pool to await overseas orders.

Actively interested in sports and a camera enthusiast, Chaplain Morley was a familiar and welcome visitor to the men of the various outpost stations. Among his many off duty activities, the chaplain organized and managed a young boy's basketball team.

A former Philadelphia priest, Chaplain Morley not only held services for members of his faith but attended and even assisted in Jewish and Protestant services.

### Movies, Talent Shows, Bingo, Weekly 'Y' Fare

Continuing with its weekly feature of movies and live entertainment to outlying areas in the command, the Army YMCA at the Presidio brings a full hour of novel entertainment to Battery Kirby today.

"I was pleased with what I saw."

That, in essence was the statement made by Major Gen. H. Conger Pratt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, on his first official visit to the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco South Bay installations last Friday.

First to be inspected was the command post where he viewed the intricate system known as the "nerve center" of the Golden Gate. In the all concrete catacombs the general paid particular attention to the high degree of cooperation between Army and Navy troops engaged in keeping the important San Francisco waterways free of enemy action.

Besides visiting several artillery installations and inspecting some of the equipment, including the workings of the ordnance shops, General Pratt saw gun crews in action.

He witnessed practically every type of Harbor Defense armament in simulated operation—from AA units to the huge 'Blitz Bettys'.

Formerly with the air corps and commander of the famed Philippine Scouts, General Pratt took special note of the housing and living conditions of the troops stationed at gun batteries and garrisons. While at Fort Funston, the general, his staff and accompanying officers ate the regular Friday noon meal, which consisted of fish, salad and pastry.

"My visit to the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco was in no sense an inspection; it was merely a preliminary visit to familiarize myself with the physical set-up," the two-star general said.

"I enjoyed my visit very much and was happy to have the opportunity to get acquainted with the installations and men."

On his tour General Pratt was accompanied by Col. William F. Lafrenz, commanding officer of the HDSF and Col. Arthur E. Rowland, commanding officer of SCU 1932.

General Pratt is expected to tour the North Bay HDSF installations in the near future.



**GOSH, BUT IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME** — Major David Rowland, home on leave after 31 flying missions over Germany, points out a few interesting points on the map to his mother, Mrs. Helen Rowland. Col. Arthur E. Rowland, post commander, listens in like any other proud father would. (Photo by GGG.)



Know Your Leaders

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith  
Fighting Leatherneck

One of the toughest jobs of any fighting man is hitting the beach, and one day being able to tell his grandchildren about it.

It looks easy in the movies, but those who know will tell you that amphibious operations well done are the result of careful tactics, training, and, at times very costly experiences. The man today best posted on all of this business is Lt. Gen. Holland McTyeire Smith, US MC, known to his men as "Howlin' Mad" Smith.

How General Smith became the founder of amphibious warfare is a long story going back to 1905 when as an Alabama lawyer with two college degrees he found himself bored to death with the whole business, and craving more excitement than a dreamy southern town has to offer. After keeping his shingle out for two years, he went to Washington to see his Congressman about chances for an Army commission.



Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith

**No Vacancies**

There were no vacancies, but Congressman Wiley did say he could land him one in the Marine Corps. After a little research as to just who the Marines were, ex-attorney Smith entered the Annapolis School of Application which in due season qualified him as a second lieutenant.

The school also had another lasting effect on him, since it was here that he met the girl he married after his first tour of duty in the Philippines.

World War I found General Smith a captain in France, first as adjutant to the 4th Marine Brigade, and then as assistant operations officer of the 1st Corps. He served under Army, as well as Marine officers at Soissons, Champagne, and St. Mihiel. His nickname in the formative period of his career was "Hoke" Smith.

**Moved 14 Times**

Between wars General Smith was stationed at numerous posts and stations with his wife and son. Mrs. Smith is a good soldier, too, because in one two year period she had to move and settle her home 14 times, which is something of a record in itself.

In 1939 Brigadier Smith took command of the First Brigade. General Holcomb detailed him to the job of training 5,000 men in the business of amphibian landings. This was an old skill which the Corps had used in its first year of history in 1776, but which had been unnecessary in subsequent wars. With Rear Adm. Ernest J. King, now Admiral of the fleet, rules were devised which are working well today on many beaches.

King had to teach his navy to fire at beaches instead of ships whereas General Smith drilled his men on cargo nets and perfected the tricks of combat loading. The next problem was to devise the right equipment for getting over that "half and half area" between ships and shore. With shipbuilder A. J. Higgins he experimented with landing boats and with Donald Roebling helped design a tractor that would function in the water.

In the first two years of the war General Smith, who loves action as well as any leatherneck, had the melancholy job of training Marine and Army units in amphibious warfare but was too valuable to be allowed to see them perform in the real thing.

**Hit Beaches**

It was his men who hit the beaches in Africa, Sicily, and Italy. During 1942 in California he groomed the 7th Army Division for



By Chaplain C. R. Culpepper

I read the other day where 1st Lt. Ernest R. Given, Jr., was given the Air Medal with the 11th Oak Leaf Cluster. Regardless of how common those decorations are it was something big to me as a Chaplain.

You see, Junior, was a member of my last civilian Parish. Five years ago he was going through my back yard to a row boat he kept tied just over the bank in Elk River. Nearly every day or so he would come by in his casual half-shy manner to display a string of fish for my benefit.

Sunday he sat through services and I never knew whether he listened or not. He was like a lot of other American boys, full of hunting, fishing, Scout activities, model planes and sports.

Now he has been credited with 79 missions in his P-47 over Germany. Still, someday I hope that Junior will be back fishing in Elk River and that his boys and girls will be able to chum in passing the local pastor.

Those of you who read this column may have a pastor back home in your local Church or Parish that is interested in you and your service experience. His prayers and good wishes follow you each day. You may not have received a medal or a promotion but just the same he might enjoy a letter from you.

Why not take the time to write him? You may be sure that no group anywhere is more interested in the lives and souls of those who serve their country than the Pastors, Priests and Rabbis of your home towns. Believe me, I know.

Attu, five regiments for the Kiska landing and the Third Marine Division before it bent to Bougainville. At Attu from an airplane he was able to see his pupils perform for the first time.

The combat assignment finally came in 1943. In September he was able to translate into action the theories he had been developing for four previous years. In the Central Pacific with Admiral Turner he perfected the finer points of island landings and he saw his tactics work in the Marshalls, Gilberts and on Saipan.

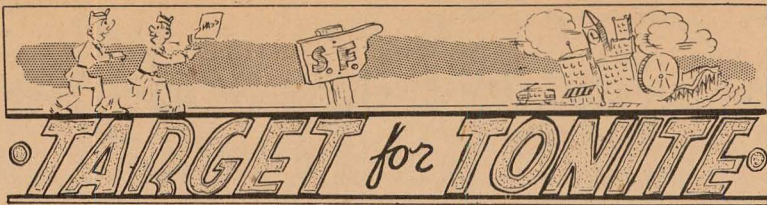
This 62 year old soldier loves a good fight. At Tarawa he narrowly escaped death from snipers. In his office he seems to be truculent and hot-headed, but in battle no one is more calm.

**Streamlined Figure**

General Smith who looks and talks like Wallace Berry at times is mild mannered in his home. His absorbing interest are his two grandchildren. He does relish the now infrequent arguments he used to have with his "traitorous" son, a navy lieutenant as to the merits of the Navy vs. the Marines.

By eating sparingly General Smith has kept a streamlined figure. He has one vice which is too many William Penn cigars.

As one of the Corps' three Lt. Generals, General Smith holds the D.S.M. awarded him by the late Frank Knox in recognition of his services in laying the groundwork of amphibious training in our Armed Forces.



Hospitality for every day in the week is the motto of the seven USO Clubs in San Francisco and here is what your "homes away from home" have lined up for your pleasure and entertainment.

The 70 Oak Street USO is a rambling three-storied newly renovated home which features Sunday morning breakfasts country style, Sunday night dances in the ballroom and swimming on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

**Chiropodist**

At the 111 O'Farrell Street USO the guest chiropodist will give free treatments to barking dogs any Wednesday night while a famous seersess will hold and read your palm to help ease the pain. Cozy singing in cozy crowds around the canteen's famous little red piano is an enjoyable way to hit the high notes without cracking into the banknotes.

Thursday evening is GI Aamteur Show Nite at 989 Market and anyone with theatrical ambitions has a chance to start on the path of footlight fame from here. You can also give the folks a thrill by talking your next letter home. Stop in and make a recording.

"Sing for your supper" is the Wednesday night motto of the Apostleship of the Sea-USO at Fremont and Harrison and the winners take a beautiful girl on a trip to a local night club with spending money to spend and spare. Sunday dinner dances start here at 1830 and are full course affairs served by a bevy of pretty junior hostesses.

**Sports and Jive**

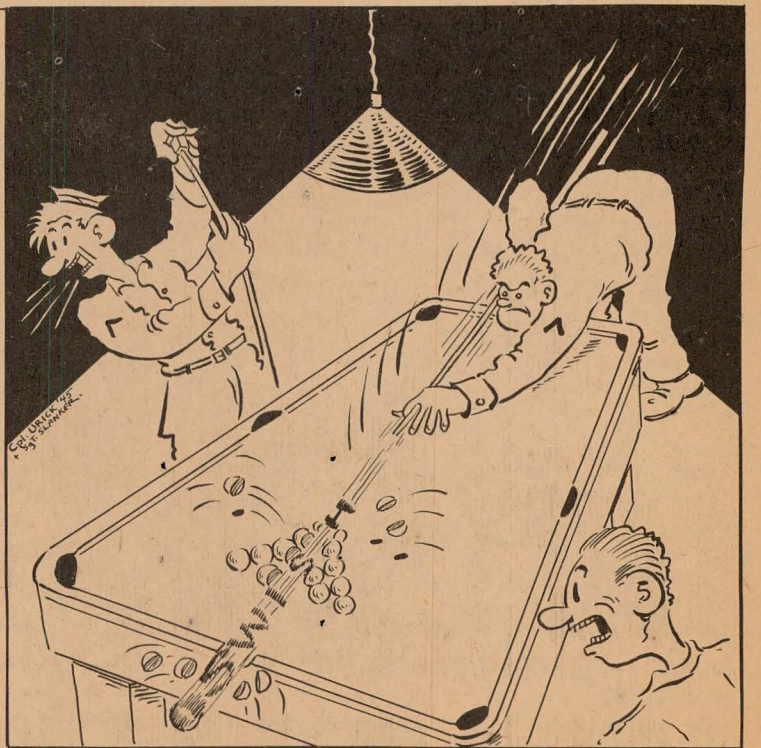
Basketball, volley ball and badminton are features of the first rate gymnasium at 1530 Buchanan Street during the week and on Saturday nights a 20 piece band plays jive for dancing with a well stocked canteen close by to revive those who need it.

On Tues., Jan. 30 the Presidio

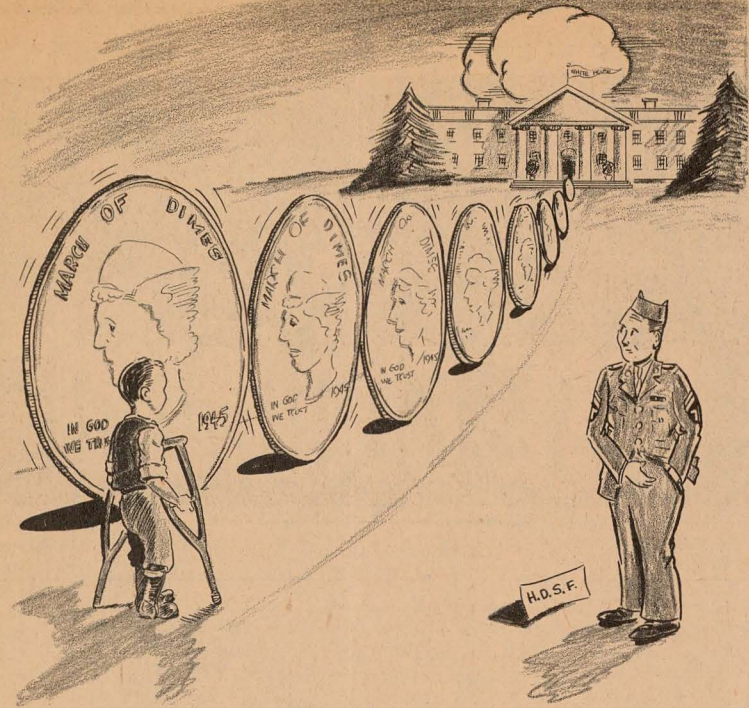
Army YMCA-USO will host one of their famous barn dances so grab your corn cobs and bandana's and get there early. If you plan on bringing a date be sure that the young lady is on the list and holds a regular card of admission.

**Martha Raye**

Highlights for January include the scheduled appearance of Gertrude (Lady in the Dark) Lawrence in "Errand for Bernice," which opens at the Geary Theatre Jan. 29; Martha Raye and other topflight stars will open on Sunday the 28th in Paul Small's newest variety revue, "Fun Time" at the Curran.



Great Caesar! What a break shot!



FALL IN!

Going Someplace?

There are many new faces around here these days. The majority of them belong to men who have spent many months on foreign soil; some of them have been in battle with the enemy.

Quite a number of these men have earned ribbons denoting heroic action, a few wear the Purple Heart. All are men who have done a job and done it well.

Their places at the front lines must be filled. Perhaps you will be one of those to fill that gap.

Now is the time to look into matters that before seemed a bit unimportant. Make sure you have the maximum in insurance. Check your equipment and make sure it is in good condition.

Take your infantry as well as artillery training seriously. Learn all there is to know about sanitation in the field, personal hygiene, camouflage, proper protection from aerial attack and other factors that will assure your homecoming.

From those that have returned a great lesson has been learned: Intelligent application of safety measures in the field such as digging in wherever you go, makes it possible to survive the toughest assignments.

GGG Shows How to Live on \$15 A Week

Many GI's who brought their wife and little ones to the Bay Area have found it hard to make financial ends meet. The following budget has been carefully edited by GGG experts for your benefit, based on a \$15 a week allowance:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Whiskey and Beer .....   | \$8.80           |
| Wife's Beer .....        | 1.65             |
| Meat and Groceries ..... | On Credit        |
| Rent .....               | Pay next week    |
| Cokes .....              | 0.50             |
| Cigarettes .....         | 1.20             |
| Moovies .....            | 0.60             |
| Mid-Week Whiskey .....   | 1.50             |
| PX Purchases .....       | 0.50             |
| Baby Food .....          | Borrow Neighbors |
| Hot Tip on Horses .....  | 0.50             |
| Poker Game .....         | 1.40             |
| Total .....              | \$16.65          |

This means going into debt—so cut out the wife's beer.

"The final evidence that Saipan was captured was not the fact that the last shot had been fired. The thing that really convinced GI's there that they had moved in for good happened a few days later. A detail of men was assigned to pick up papers, trash and cigarette butts and rake the weeds surrounding the headquarters area. Then the boys knew the situation was normal."

—Ft. Ord, Calif., 'Panorama'

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HEY, WHAT GOES ON HERE!—Emerging from the phone booth at Battery Kirby an artilleryman discovers that his pals are happily indulging in the almost unheard of San Francisco sport of "snowball packing." (Photo by Sgt. Willis More.)

## Icy Blasts Thrill HD Midwesterners

Miwesterners in the HDSF thrilled the early part of the month to what some have referred to as "that wintry breeze off Lake Michigan" when the temperature went tumbling down to almost the freezing point. The way the weatherman figured it out we were getting a wind right off the glaciers in the north arctic region. It was a fresh, clean, dry wind that had a bite to it. In certain parts of San Francisco a good packing snow fell while at Battery Kirby artillerymen were fashioning "snowballs" from a heavy hale-sleet that stuck to the Barry countryside. The San Francisco press were of the opinion that some new icy temperatures were established during the cold spell. Just for the record it may be stated that balmy weather has prevailed the past week. (That is when The GGG went to press.)

## Evening Schools Start at Galileo

With more than 40 courses on the curriculum, the Galileo Adult Education Center began its evening sessions last week. Special emphasis is being placed on the value of local soldiers attending the classes in their off-duty time, according to the Harbor Defense and Post information and education offices. Courses offered include machine shop, woodwork, bookkeeping, business English, first aid, shorthand, harmony, orchestra, singing, human relations, Japanese, mathematics, mechanical drawing, opera, photography, physical education, Spanish and typing. Transportation will be supplied, and will leave the dayroom, A-173d, Fort Funston, at 1800; Mendell Service Club, Fort Barry, 1815; B-174th, Fort Baker, 1830; Fort Scott PX, 1845. The bus will return soldiers to these points, too. Soldiers may attend any number of classes each week, according to I&E.

## Funston Hostess House Opens After Remodeling

After nearly a year of sweating delays, buck slips, materials and working personnel, the remodeling and refurbishing job on the Fort Funston Hostess House has been completed and Cannoneer artillerymen are enjoying its slick comforts, the Post SSO announces. Most of the redecorating was done by the post engineers under direction of Lt. Col. H. N. Krenkel. All inside furnishings were donated by the American Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council under the supervision of Mrs. Guy Standifer and Mr. Robert Orem, HDSF Red Cross field director. The coffee urn is reportedly brewing at full steam since the house's opening.

**STRONG MALE ANIMAL**  
"Well, you said I had to choose, didn't you?" demanded the husband, in bed with his golf clubs.

## More About Major Rowland

The night was pitch black and there was no landing field or suitable landing area mapped out in the territory over which they were now flying. When his men had leaped out, the flyer used every trick he knew to right the plane and prevented it from going into a spin. After fighting the controls for what seemed like hours, Major Rowland made a perfect pancake landing in a furrowed field. For the consideration shown the men under him and for the skillful handling of the flying monster, Major Rowland was recommended for another addition to his Air Medal. Major Rowland will return to an overseas assignment upon termination of his leave.

## 'QM at War' Show to Open At State Guard Armory

"Quartermasters at War," a show portraying the immense job of feeding, clothing, equipping and transporting the American soldier will be presented at the State Guard Armory, 10th and Fallon Streets, Oakland, beginning next Tuesday. The show, which is to continue on through Feb. 4, performs 1630 on week days and 1400 on Sundays. More than 100 army personnel, including some 20 production and technical experts have been assembled to produce the show which is being presented by the Office of the QM General, in cooperation with the California Quartermaster Depot, Oakland. Admission is free and the Armory, located just south of the Oakland auditorium is easily reached by the key System 'A' train.

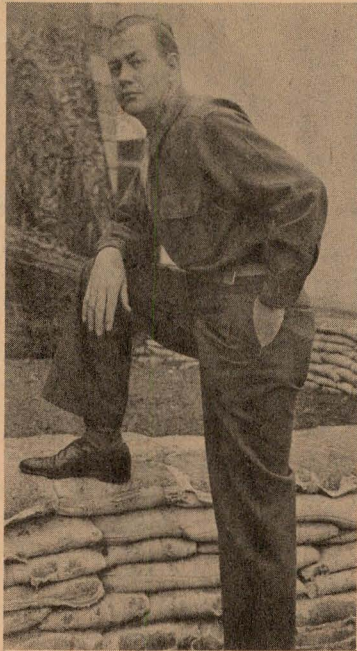


M/Sgt. Robert See, SCU first sergeant, receives homage from his soldier friends and relatives at the San Francisco National Cemetery. Sergeant See died recently of a heart ailment. (Photo by GGG.)

# Blockbuster Lands Fifteen Feet Away; T-5 Lives To Tell Tale

By Sgt. Tom Crooks  
"The night was just what the enemy ordered for an air raid. Clear and bright—with a full moon to light the way to death and destruction."  
"I was with an AAA outfit that had landed in the initial invasion of Sicily and then moved on up from the beach to protect a captured airfield near Palermo. Some of us stretched out on the ground to catch a few winks and I was so tired I fell sound asleep."  
"The next thing I remember is being awakened by one of my buddies shouting, 'Hit the foxholes, men, here they come!'"  
"I was practically paralyzed—the Jerries were coming in so fast I couldn't make it. Already the familiar, terrorizing whine could be heard. The bombs were dropping. They began to go off. I pressed closer to the ground and then it came—the one that nearly had my dog-tags on it. A 500 pounder exploded 15 feet away from where I was lying."  
That is how T-5 Albert Blakeman now with Hq. and Hq. Det. of the 6th C. A. Bn. describes his narrowest escape in 28 months of combat service.

**Injured**  
Corporal Blakeman suffered a painful back injury as a result of the shock and concussion. He said the only thing that saved him was the fact that the ground was hard as concrete and when the bomb went off the fragments blew high into the air and missed him.  
"I was so surprised at still being alive that I didn't even realize I had been injured. I got up and walked around. Two of my buddies were hit. One had his shoulder torn off. All three of us got into a jeep and rode to the hospital. None of us felt bad until the excitement and shock began to wear off."  
The corporal recounted the following humorous incident.  
**On Pass**  
Blakeman and one of his pals took time out to visit Enrica (City of the Clouds) near Torapani. This Italian beauty-rest is high in the mountains and the boys took a bus up. Missing the last one back they hiked down. It was getting dark and they took a short cut. All of a sudden Blakeman's pal took a step into space and landed 20 feet closer to the bottom astride a Torapani, equivalent of Arizona cactus. Blakeman said he charged a nickle a needle to pull them out and got his price too.  
**Been Around**  
The veteran 25 year old combat



**T-5 ALBERT BLAKEMAN** says he'll stand up for anything. He possibly can (including a GGG photographer) after hugging fox-holes and crawling through, over and in some of the finest rock, sand and mud in France, Sicily and Africa. The 26-year-old, 23-months overseas combat ack-ack man has served in four campaigns and is said to be the only 'four star' T-5 in the HDSF.

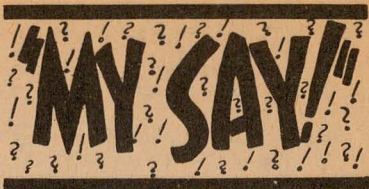
corporal first went to Casablanca in November of '42 and from there on up the coast to Tunis, then to Sicily, on across the straits of Messina for a 'gang-plank' landing into Italy. In September of '44 he went to Marseilles, France and sailed for the United States in November. He wears the Purple Heart, European-African and Middle East Theatre ribbons with stars for service in the Tunisian, Sicilian, Rome-Arno and Southern France campaigns. T-5 Blakeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Blakeman of Springfield, Ill. and has an older brother, Sgt. John Blakeman, who participated in the battle of Northern France and is now a German prisoner of war.

## Fort Scott Old-Timer Dies; Was SCU Topkick

An outstanding Army career of nearly 12 seasons came to an abrupt halt Sunday, Jan. 7, when M/Sgt. Robert N. See, 37-year-old topkick of Hq-Co., SCU, Fort Scott, died following a heart attack in the Scott barracks. See, whose 265-pound frame was a familiar sight to Fort Scotters both old and new, enlisted in the

regular Army Feb. 2, 1934 at Fort MacArthur, Calif., and was assigned to the coast artillery. In 1936 he re-enlisted and was sent to Fort Scott with the 65th Coast Artillery until 1940 when he was transferred to an ack-ack unit of the 75th Coast Artillery, Fort Lewis, Wash. Prior to Pearl Harbor in May, 1941, See went with the 75th to Fort Richardson, Alaska, and was assigned to headquarters outfits in both Anchorage and Seward. Subsequent assignments found him at Fort Lawton, Fort Lewis, Camp Stoneman, Camp McQuaide and finally Fort Scott, his old coast artillery stomping grounds. He was rated an expert gunner in the coast artillery in 1940. Born in Waterloo, Iowa, See was graduated from the Iowa State College in 1927 with bachelors of arts and sciences degrees. Prior to his enlistment in the Army, he served as newspaper reporter for several Midwest publications, including the Des Moines Register, Chicago Evening American, Detroit Free Press and Toronto Sun. More than five score soldier-friends attended funeral rites held at the Fort Scott chapel, officiated by Chaplain Charles R. Culpepper. S/Sgt. Edgar Jones sang at the rites, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Culpepper. Internment was in the Presidio National Cemetery with full military rites. Pallbearers included M/Sgt. Sanford Bullock, M/Sgt. Paul Vickery, 1st Sgt. Benjamin Bowers, 1st Sgt. Preston Robinson, 1st Sgt. Gustav Schmidt, T/Sgt. Homer Jack, T/Sgt. Earl Winsor, S/Sgt. Jack Cameron.

**NEAT PHRASE**  
Praise the Lord, the ammunition passed me.



What is the most memorable snafu job you pulled while in the Army?



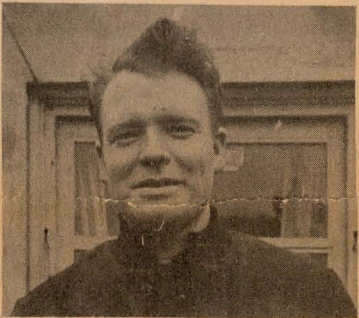
**T-5 Herbert Gomer, Barry Motor Pool**

Like the doc that sewed his instruments in his patient's belly after a successful operation, I forgot to remove brake cylinder clamps from a repair job. For two hours we tried to determine why the wheels wouldn't spin.



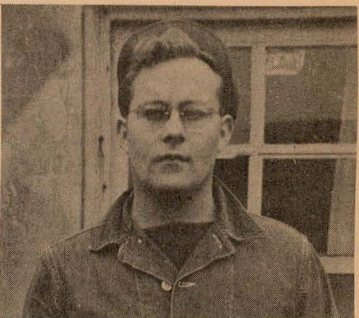
**T-5 James Bateman, Barry Motor Pool**

I turned down a medical discharge in October of '43.



**S/Sgt. Kenneth Packer, Battery Kirby**

I made an appointment with the chaplain to have my baby baptized last Thanksgiving day and had the chaplain wait in vain. In the midst of preparing the special holiday chow I forgot about the 'date.'



**T-5 Vernon Meffan, Battery Kirby**

While at the hospital recuperating from a slight ailment I dashed around one of the ward corners and bumped into a white figure sending her sprawling on the floor. It was an Army nurse. When I had helped her to regain her equilibrium and was about to depart she called me back—I forgot to salute.



**Cpl. Frank Mertz, Battery Kirby**

Coming in the office one day I noticed a figure bent over the clerk's desk. I greeted him with a hearty thump on the back. When I turned around I was ready to take off—it was a new battery officer I had never seen before.

**DAFFYNITION:**  
Pullman window—what it takes jacks or better to open.



# Motorcycles Plenty Safe Says MP Who Rides Them Fast

"The motorcycle is the safest mode of transportation in the world."

This unusual statement was made by Pfc Harry Steiner of the Ft. Scott MP's. His reasons for making such a declaration are evident: The soldier has traveled from coast to coast on a motor bike, has entertained thousands of people on motorcycle speedways and has performed in Miami speed trials . . . and still lives.

## 122.6 MPH

In his 14 years of motorcycling, Steiner claims never to have suffered a major injury, though he has been timed at 122.6 miles per hour at Daytona Beach, Fla., and raced six nights a week during the summer months for three years straight, 1937 to 1940.

"Riding a motorcycle is like anything else that takes you places. You have to know what the vehicle will do and try not to override it. When you get the feel of a 'bike' you can maneuver in and out of traffic a great deal easier than in an automobile, get to your destination faster and still get a great thrill out of traveling so close to the ground."

Steiner's main business in North Bergen, N. J., was trucking, but he claims to have done all right with motorcycle racing too. During the racing season which took him all over the country, including Oakland and San Jose, the empee soldier used to average between 200 and 300 bucks weekly.

## Yankee Stadium

One of his biggest thrills was racing in the Yankee Stadium in New York to almost a capacity crowd. The fastest racing track in the east is the Yellow Speedway in Philadelphia, but one of the trickiest, according to Steiner, is the Kelly Stadium in San Jose.

Private Steiner has a cycle that has served him well. The soldier made his way from North Bergen, N. J., to Ft. Scott via eight different posts in a 'one-lunger,' and still uses it to get to and from post on his pass nights.



**SPEED MOTORCYCLIST,** Pfc Harry Steiner, shown on the bike that has earned him a barrel of money and brought him from an induction station in New Jersey to Fort Scott.

## Prep Star

In high school young Steiner made a name for himself in the field of sports. As left-end on the prep football team he made All-State one year and All-County two years straight. He is also said to have been a flash on the basketball court and baseball diamond.

"I like all sports," the 32-year-old GI dynamo confessed, "but bike riding is still my favorite and always will be."

"Even the motorless bikes get a play out of me."

Steiner has done some cross country bike racing, but has never participated in the famous six-day bike races.

He points out that motorcycling is very much a woman's game too. An English lass now holds the world's cycle speed record with a little over 130 miles per hour.



**BEAUTY AND RHYTHM** are said to go together when the Three Kelly Sisters offer their vocal services in "Monkey Shines," next USO-Show to play the posts.

## 'Rogues' Headline Next USO-Show Variety Show Starts Jan. 29 at Baker

Top-billed by those Hollywood zanies, The Radio Rogues, "Monkey Shines" another USO Camp Show musicomedie, will play the Forts Baker-Barry-Scott Theatre circuit January 29, 30 and 31.

Having "guested" on many leading radio programs, The Radio Rogues and their routine of perfect impressions have always been regarded as high entertainment value. The trio are veterans of about 110 Hollywood flickers.

## Royal Honors

Command Performances before the crowned heads of Europe are other honors bestowed upon the boys.

Detailed for MC chores for the show is John Sully of the Sully-Thomas comedy duo. The boy-girl team has toured service camps coast

to coast and has served a six-month entertainment hitch in several Alaskan territories.

## Bounce Tunes

Spirited presentations of bounce tunes is the specialty of the three vivacious Kelly Sisters. These slick chicks are really sisters and hail from Lake Forest, Ill.

Plenty of riff and swing are in the offing when pert Nina Marie hits the floor boards with her intricate dance routines. Acrobatic balancing combined with a charming personality spell clever Helen Wall.

"A Gob With Gobs of Song" is Don Nardo, who with his guitar is the master of a vast repertoire of vocal numbers. Sy Nathan is pianist and musical conductor for the company.

## GI Shoe Stock Quotas to Rise

Army shoe requirements for the next four months will rise about 150,000 pairs per month over the last quarter, according to the War Department.

In addition to obtaining new procurements, the Quartermaster Corps

is now engaged in a shoe-rebuilding program which re-fits for service some 350,000 pairs each month.

Rebuilt shoes are adequate for training purposes in this country and help conserve leather for combat troop footwear.



Lt. Lloyd Kempf, ex-member of the 6th C. A. Medical Detachment, writes from Italy: "When I left the 6th C. A. Medics I went through Infantry OCS. Sometime later I received a chance to take flight training in grade and as a result I am now in Italy flying P-51's. I'm telling you this so you won't be wondering what I am doing in the air corps after all my experience in the medics."

"Give my best to all the old timers, particularly, McDonald, Hurtado, Sgt. Jones, Bloomquist and Cummings."

Was Cpl. Lillian Mayer sends the latest New Guinea news to her pals at Fort Scott: "There are seven of our old company here and quite a few in the surrounding territory. We have been issued the Southwest Pacific theatre ribbon with one star on it for the New Guinea campaign. The rainy season is on now and it pours at least once a day flooding everything in sight. The roads and bridges are washed out and the mail detained which is the greatest catastrophe of all."

"For entertainment we have an open air movie, a pavilion where dances are held, a reception hall and a beach. All the boys seem to think about is when they will be eligible for rotation back to the good old U.S.A. I never realized what a morale builder the rotation plan is."

John Peduyz, CM 3/c, describes holiday time in the Marianas: "Believe it or not we had a Christmas celebration and what it lacked in decorations and ceremony we made up for in spirit. Our tree was some kind of tropical evergreen trimmed with anything that had color, but best of all we managed to round up six truckloads of children."

"They were all quite small, bashful and very cute especially when they sang Christmas carols in their native language. Even though we couldn't understand what they were singing just to hear the kids' voices was enough and brought everyone a little closer to home."

"Later we each escorted a guest through the chow-line and then Santa Claus came along loaded down with presents. The fellows had turned in their own gifts for the purpose because they wanted the children to have a real Christmas and I doubt if anywhere there was a happier bunch than we had."

Lt. Gene Doss who is a combat flyer in England writes: "I have been on three missions in a row. The second time out we got quite a bit of flak and the third time we almost got the works when over a well known city in Holland. It was pretty exciting for awhile and I took some violent evasive action around the cockpit. Those damn jerries were coming too close for comfort."

George Dean, SF 3/c, somewhere in the Southwest Pacific writes to his wife who is a civilian employee at Fort Scott: "I was so sea sick for awhile that I spent most of my time hanging over the rail. However, I'm feeling better now and can look a wave in the face without feeling a roll in the stomach. When we passed the Equator we were initiated into the realm of Neptunus Rex."

"I am now a full fledged 'Shell-back.' It was a lot of fun until I passed the royal barber and he took a big swipe out of my hair and told me to send it home. This so discouraged me I had one of my bunk mates cut it all off and I'm baldier than a billiard ball now."

T/Sgt. Joseph Nicksie sends New Year's greetings from Leyte in the Philippine Islands: "Well, I'm in the original banana stand now and there's no shortage of them here. If we only had the cream to go with them. The old pineapple army from Oahu has done a swell job in this invasion, and they won't stop until they get Tojo up a blind alley in Tokyo."

## Leiser's Pic Makes Grades in NSC Show

Another winner in the NSC Arts and Craft Show is T-5 Arthur Leiser, Hq-HDSF, who had one of his photographs accepted for salon display.

"Bunk Fatigue," the accepted work of photographic art, appeared in Vol. VI No. 10 issue of The GGG (Oct. 26 '44).

The Ninth Service Command show is scheduled to make its appearance in San Francisco early next month.

## WOLF ON JOB

CNS reports that a Wolf recruits Wacs in Indianapolis. Yes sir, you guessed it. The name of the officer in charge of recruiting is Capt. Louis Wolf.



New best sellers received at the Fort Scott Post Library:

## CAPTAIN FROM CASTLE

By Samuel Shellabarger

Here is one of the most torrid, non-stop adventure stories since Anthony Adverse set the pace for road shows. It has all the trappings of romantic fiction: Moonlight trysts, carousals, desperate galloping, clashing swords, a gallows scene, the education of an innocent girl in the arts of love by her worldly wise duenna.

It will rank among the best popular fictional accounts of the conquistadores and anyone who was once absorbed by the Count of Monte Cristo or the Three Musketeers will have the time of his life with this one.

## CAESAR AND CHRIST

By Will Durant

In this massive book, whose scope and wit recall the golden days of historical writing, Dr. Durant recounts the flaming pageant of the rise of Rome from a crossroads town to world mastery. He tells of its achievements through two centuries of peace and security and its titanic struggle to preserve an ordered realm from a surrounding sea of barbarism.

The volume ends with the deterioration of the reforms of Diocletian, the decline of the four-ruler system, and the reign of Constantine the Great, who transferred the capital of the Western World from dying Rome to Constantinople and began the Christian Roman Empire.

## IMMORTAL WIFE

By Irving Howe

The author of Lust for Life has written the dynamic story of Jessie Benton Fremont, 100 pounds of feminine TNT with a mind and will of polished steel. At 16 she fell in love with and married Fremont, daring young topographer of the unexplored West. Their life together forms one of the most spectacular rise and fall of fortune biographies to highlight the historical era of western expansion linked to California's break from Mexico, the Gold Rush and the Civil War.

## TRAGIC ROUND

By Erskine Caldwell

Banned in Boston and on the best seller list this new novel by the author of Tobacco Road is an out of the soil story dealing with the poor white trash of a southern community boom town from which the boom receded but the censor lingers on.

## THE GREEN YEARS

By A. J. Cronin

All that has endeared Dr. Cronin's novels to so many readers is inherent in his latest book—particularly his sympathetic understanding of human frailties and emotions and the passions that motivate people in their sublime and ridiculous endeavors.

It is primarily the story of Robert Shannon, orphaned and compelled to live with his maternal grandparents in a provincial Scottish town where he becomes an object of ridicule and persecution.

## Lens Bugs Form Photo Club for Funston G.I.'s

By taking box cameras, folding cameras, extension bellows, portrait lenses and hypo out of hiding last week, the Funston Cannoneers inaugurated the opening of their own dark room and camera club.

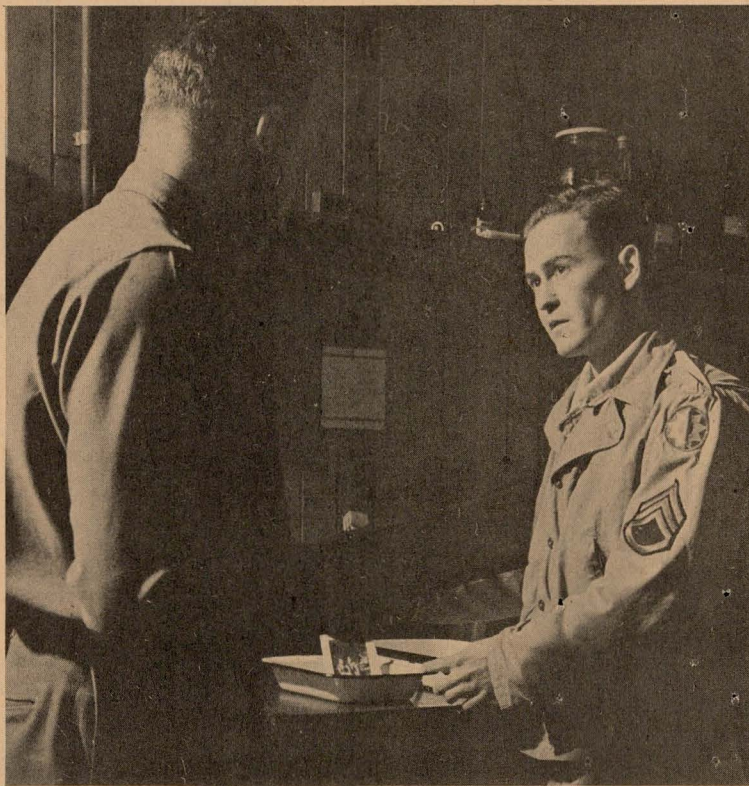
S/Sgt. John Birchall, known to be a lens enthusiast of great experience, was elected president and chief instructor.

"So far almost 30 men have shown a desire to belong to the club, and there is bound to be more once we get started," the president stated.

So far most of the instruction work is on dark room technique with each man being given an opportunity to develop his own roll of film and burn out prints.

"There are several things missing, such as an enlarger, timer and bromide paper, but there is no lack of enthusiasm," the sergeant said. Before long the president expects to have more equipment and prize photo results.

Cpl. Austin Van Houten was elected vice president while Cpl. Sam Mages has taken over as secretary of the club. Lt. Jerome Zide-man has been announced as 'consulting officer,' he also has quite a bit of amateur experience.



**SEE HOW EASY IT IS? — S/Sgt. John Birchall shows Camera Club Secretary T-5 Sam Mages how to burn in a print using D-72. Fort Funston recently opened its dark-room to Cannoneer camera enthusiasts of which there are plenty. (Photo by GGG.)**





GET A BANG OUT OF THIS?—Perhaps it isn't the exact firing pose for precision firing, but for precision looking, Vivian Austin, Universal movie star, makes a good target.

## EAGER BEAVER . . . . .

### Writes A Letter

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach

Dear Ma: Thanks for your last letter. You'll have to stop sending your mail free just because it's less expensive.

Yesterday I went to visit our relatives, the Spitons, who live here in San Francisco. They have a five-room apartment . . . without bath. Aunt Sadie has many towels . . . Uncle Shlep used to be a boxer. Uncle Shlep is still madly in love with Aunt Sadie. Every night when he comes home he brings her Four Roses. Uncle Shlep is very cheap . . . in fact Aunt Sadie says he's always tight.

Cousin Goldie is getting uglier

every day . . . a face only a plastic surgeon could love. She's really a picture . . . you can tell by looking at her frame.

Cousin Isadore has gone to Hollywood . . . a wolf working for 20th Century Fox. He just got married . . . is a producer.

I like cousin Viola Ray. She's a Wac and just came home on furlough. She works in a dentist's office . . . a drill sergeant. However she's very old fashioned . . . never goes to sleep without a nightcap. At camp, Viola Ray used to play in the band, but she was thrown out because every time she'd get hungry she'd eat a drumstick.

Cousin Duce is also in the army. He's a latrine orderly . . . always carries a roll. He must be close friends with the colonel . . . says he did something and the colonel's going to fix him good. We call him Duce because he's wild.

Aunt Sadie talked us into playing cards. Considering the way it turned out I was the joker. Uncle Shlep was supposed to play cards with us but he came back all exhausted . . . played pinball machines. He took Goldie and treated her to a sandwich because the store clerk owed him 10 free games.

All night long we listened to the phonograph machine. Viola Ray must be an athlete . . . she shattered all records. We heard Sinatra sing a song . . . All of Me, Why Not Take All of Me. Aunt Sadie swooned and fell right on the floor mop. It's the first time we noticed they look so much alike.

Later we tried to find Uncle Shlep, but he wasn't around. He had read the last issue of the Golden Gate Guardian and went out to meet some new faces.

Will write again soon. Your loving son . . . EAGER.

### Pay Continues For 'Missing' Yanks

Information concerning rights of missing persons and their dependents has been issued by Lt. Virginia Reed, Post Personal Affairs Officer.

The War Department is very lenient on dependency pay, allowances and allotments, and except for unusual cases such as allotment rights will continue until such time that the government sees fit that they be discontinued.

## Hospital Doings

### Tamalpias Hi Groups To Present Musical

A super-musical by students of the Tamalpias High School will be presented before patients of the Fort Baker hospital tomorrow afternoon at 1400 in the recreation hall under sponsorship of the San Anselmo Rotarian Club and the American Red Cross, it was announced today.

Featured in the presentation will be a variety of songs by the high school choral and orchestra groups.

Bingo Night, sponsored by the Presidio YMCA, is slated for 1830 tomorrow night in the rec hall, with prizes going to individual winners.

Tamalpias High School thespians will present "Shepherd Inn" a play, at the rec hall Jan. 22 at 1830. Wednesday night, Jan. 24 at 1830, Mrs. Walter Cornwell, Fort Scott, will present her puppet show. According to reports, Mrs. Cornwell's puppets are very interesting and should provide many a merry moment.

Sunday, Jan. 28, at 1830, a group of musicians known as the Singing Strings, sponsored by the San Francisco Music Club, will play.

The popular Shell Show was the talk of the day Monday, Jan. 15, and the following night patients whooped and hollered at the Fun and Stunt Night.

A new camp show called "Monkey Shines" will play the hospital rec hall the afternoon of Jan. 29.

### HQ MALE ROOM

Most familiar sight at the William Tell Hotel the past year has been T-5 Alex Kramer doing the Schottische with an attractive blonde companion. Last week the folk dancing crowd noticed that "something



new had been added." A huge sparkling stone gleamed from the proper finger on the left hand of the cute blonde. Blushingly, Alex admitted this was the real thing and so did Lola.

When he became a civilian last month after serving in this battery and overseas where he earned the Purple Heart, Herman Cioffoletti returned to his old haunt at Building 13 to take over the all important job of barbering. He was immediately reaccepted into the "low ball" poker classroom where T-5 Armstrong has been accorded a permanent membership.

New threat in the ping pong tournament is T-4 Schect, a Brooklyn lad just returned from the South Pacific. The way that celluloid pellet dances around when it springs over the net automatically puts the sergeant down as a prime contender.

Every once in awhile a careless joker will brush up against the pool and ping pong tournament boards. When the names are rescrumbled onto the chart strange names appear at the top of the list. In the pool category it is officially T/Sgt. Thomashunas in first place; Cpl. Proctor and Cpl. Urlick holding down the second post; T/Sgt. Zemach, T-4 Sedlak and T-5 Steen in the third slot.

Ping pong still finds Sgt. Al Beekman beating all comers with comparative ease. The second post changes almost daily as does the third spot. In second at deadline time was (or is) T-4 Steve Sedlak and Sgt. Chuck Teitel. Third spot hails Cpl. Joe Urlick, Cpl. Henry Shields and Sgt. Mike Mikos.

The new Command and Leadership training brought to the battery by Lt. Francis McNamara is said to have met with the favor of higher ups. Soon to receive similar training are WDC troops, reliable sources indicate.

Boasting that a hair-cut obtained from the battery barber shop was truly worth a 'down-town price' of one buck, T-4 Steve Sedlak figured that the GI was ahead on time and street-car fare in the long run anyway. The show-down arose on his words of opinion, when after obtaining a GI cut, the thrifty sergeant handed over a buck but kept holding out his palm for the sixty-cents change.

The battery roster is being checked off on the rifle ranges both here and at Barry, during the past week. The members are going through their familiarization and qualification courses.

## British Officer of Fiji To Lecture at Ft. Scott



CAPT. HAROLD COOPER (British Official Photo)

Capt. Harold Cooper, British information officer for the Fiji Islands and the Western Pacific High Commission, will lecture to Fort Scott soldiers Monday evening, Jan. 22, at 1800 in the Scott Theater.

Captain Cooper, who is combining official business with a few weeks leave in the United States, has had 10 years' experience in colonial administration, six years of it in Africa.

After graduating from Cambridge University, Captain Cooper studied in this country as a Henry P. Davison scholar at Yale, later at Princeton. For two years he was an instructor of English at the University of Iowa.

In 1936 he became assistant colonial secretary of the Gold Coast, Africa, and in 1940 assumed duties as administrative officer in the Fijis.

Captain Cooper is a contemporary poet, and has had several of his works published in modern anthologies. While at Cambridge, he edited the university journal, "The Granta."

While attendance at the lecture is required for all SCU troops, Harbor Defense soldiers are invited to the session, Lt. Charles Erickson, post information and education officer, who scheduled the lecture, emphasized.

### Discharged Veterans Rush To Take Jobs

Discharged veterans of this war are passing up unemployment compensation and taking jobs as fast as they can, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines reported.

The Veterans Administration said an incomplete survey showed almost half the veterans went to work within four weeks of their discharge, despite some disabilities. Hines said 18,465 now are going to school or receiving vocational training under the terms of the GI Bill of Rights.

## Coming, Mother ('er, Ma'm)

The Post Personal Affairs office has come to the aid of many soldiers in many ways, but Lt. Virginia Reed, officer in charge, can truthfully admit she's gone all-out—"in the line of duty," of course.

You see, the Wac officers have a 3-year-old girl to look after.

Recently a Fort Scott soldier was transferred to another post, and his wife, an invalid, went with him. But they could not take their daughter, Ella Mae, with them until suit-

able living accommodations were acquired.

So the Fort Scott Red Cross was contacted to see if they could find a prospective "adopter" until things were settled at the new post. No takers could be found until Lieutenant Reed heard about the predicament; she obtained the okeh of her fellow Wac officers and little Ella Mae is now the temporary charge of the GI Army-gals at their Scott quarters.

### 'B' AT BAKER By Bob Murphy

Dan Cupid is fast at work in the battery. A couple of the boys are scheduled to get henpecked within the next few weeks. We hope they don't get as henpecked as some of the hubbies we have in the battery. No insinuations in particular, Cpl. Len Brashear.

The cooks on duty the afternoon of Jan. 11—Pfc Ritenour and Pfc Rodgers—were very much surprised to find a one-star general come into the kitchen and do some very tough inspecting. After a very thorough looking over, the General asked for a cup of milk. Ritenour, in his snappiest military manner, poured the cup for the brigadier and proceeded to hold and tip it for him. You see, the "general" was a fellow about 3 or 4 years old!

QUESTION TO THE TOPKICKS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS: Sgt. Jakut would like to know if they have sometimes two and three and as high as seven pages of morning report to make out each ayem. In the last three or four months he hasn't written the remark "no change" once, and has forgotten how to spell it. Will you please let him know? Thank you, Sgts.

Guess it's time to bid adieu to some of the fellows that are leaving us in the next few days. Lots of luck to Sgt. Ed Hooven, Pfc Bowman, T-5 Diaz, Pfc Leveille, Pfc Fogarino, Cpl. Elias, and Pfc Deacon Leese.

The other night Cpl. Klinger, T-5 Piller and Pfc Harmon were found in the latrine armed to the teeth with brooms and mops and going after each other like mad. After thorough investigation it was found that Piller was giving the boys some bayonet practice. Piller really was in there showing them how he could disarm two men and kill them both. After a very heated argument Piller proved his point.

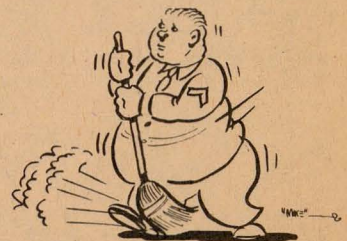
Since furloughs have been cancelled poor T-5 Stovall has been moping around the barracks like a forlorn calf. He had his furlough scheduled for 18 Jan. and now that they have been cancelled he just doesn't know what to do with himself. Don't worry, Clyde, maybe someday they will hand you a permanent furlough!

Now that the Other Powder River Kid left the battery we will have to keep up the tradition of supplying Fort Baker and subposts on this side of the Bay with information of that Wonderful State of Wyoming. Darn it, Mathisen, (Pvt. Joe Mathisen, hailing from Casper, Wy., the Powder River Kid) you left us holding the bag.

Colley will have to take care of the Planters, because it is very seldom that we get to inform those boys of the wonderfulness of Wyoming and the Powder River area. Keep up the good work, Colley.

FLASH!! THE LATEST FROM THE SECOND PLATOON!

That man that has been on DEML (Don't Ever Mention Labor) since his entrance into the Army of



The United States finally broke down and was actually seen piloting a broom around the squad. No kidding fellows, Pfc Mike Bistry actually was sweeping the deck!



# Scott Salvage Sherlocks Send Junk to Munitions

Salvaged paper, metal, glass, garbage and kitchen greases—all items which the Harbor Defense soldier has at one time or another tossed away as useless—is being turned into fighting material through relentless efforts of the post salvage warehouse at Fort Scott.

Sufficient paper to supply packing for more than a million rounds of ammunition has been sent to war by the local soldiers, who have kept a wary orb out for precious paper all during 1944. In fact, more than 52 tons of paper (corrugated and plain), were shipped to cutters during the year.

“Every effort has been made to see that no paper is wasted,” Lt. Major Cox, salvage officer, said. “Trucks have been making the rounds at weekly intervals and the response has been very well. We lacked \$1.05 of getting the government \$1,000 for this item alone during 1944.”

### Heavy Stuff

Iron was the largest single item which the salvage detectives collected. A check of \$3,262.57 was sent to the Treasury Department for the 303 tons of iron collected in 1944. Included in this total were many salvaged mines and about five anchors weighing more than a ton each.

Copper and brass, vital in the manufacture of small arms ammunition and important machinery parts, found use locally in the Baker marine repair shop and the engineers, but the majority of it was sent to foundries where it was converted into other items.

Other non-ferrous metals, such as zinc, lead and aluminum, were sold, totalling more than six tons.

### Cans Collected

Tin can yield of 53 gross tons was recorded by the GI salvage depot. From the estimated 485,000 cans collected from the kitchens ranging from Funston to Cronkhite enough copper could be obtained to fire a 90 mm. ack-ack gun for nearly two hours straight.

Although glass sales are not measured in terms of tons, a total of 49,768 pieces of glass were sold, bringing Uncle Sam a revenue of nearly \$750.

“Don’t ask us who counted that many pieces of glass during 1944,” Lieutenant Cox said.

Drippings from Harbor Defense kitchen frying pans and ovens have netted the government a tidy sum of money in addition to sending 74,397 pounds of the grease on its way to ammunition manufacturers. Vital product of kitchen fats is glycerine. It is estimated that glycerine derived from the Harbor Defense’s



**RAGS, RAGS**—Thousands of rags are torn up and re-used locally through efforts of the post salvage warehouse sleuths who are on their toes to save the government money on junked items. Here Pfc Dora Marsh, hard-working Fort Scott Wac, and Cpl. Joe Zamborski, Hq-SCU, prepare to rip apart a new pile of salvaged sheets, fatigue suits and other GI items. (Signal Corps Photo.)

1944 total of 38 tons would fire 221-366 anti-tank shells or would manufacture 123,051 pounds of smokeless powder.

### Garbage Sales

Bones and meat trimmings, together with garbage, has netted nearly \$5,000, with the former amounting a sale of 24,731 pounds. Most of the kitchen waste garbage was sold for animal consumption.

Harbor Defense soldiers gulp lots of eggs, but they also discard many empty egg crates. The salvagers sold 3,836 crates during the year and collected \$741.20.

Lieutenant Cox’s cohorts do not limit themselves to selling junked items, but also spend a good deal of time making certain that some of these items can be re-used locally.

For instance, 18,659 pounds of textiles were torn up, cleaned and then requisitioned by almost every

outfit in the HDSF during 1944. On the retail market, rags are very dear, costing around 17 cents a pound. Based on that figure, the government was saved \$3,162.03 which it would have had to put out for rags alone in the Harbor Defenses.

### Brogans Repaired

A total of 19,540 pairs of GI shoes were handled and repaired by the salvage center, and many more pairs, deemed beyond repair, were sent on to higher repair echelons at Camp Beale, Calif., where they are rebuilt and re-issued to prisoners of war, other troops and overseas alien populations.

Although the Scott warehouse does not actually do the work, they see that garments are repaired, and they counted 2,728 separate items in this category last year.

Laundry, one of the Army’s im-

portant sanitation measures, is handled by this quartermaster salvage function. A total of 163,982 pieces of organizational sheets, pillow cases, mattress covers and mattresses were washed, starched and ironed through their efforts.

### Hard Workers

Aiding Lieutenant Cox in his salvage work are Sgt. Howard Lang, warehouse foreman; Cpl. Joe Zamborski, assistant foreman; Pfc John Ronchetti, Pfc Dora Marsh and Pvt. Bill Fisher, warehouse clerks; Miss Gerry Arbore, office clerk; Louise Iavarone and Juan Velez, civilian salvage warehousemen.

Although he could not quite account where the 12 cents came from, Lieutenant Cox nevertheless did point with pardonable pride that his salvage hustlers have saved \$17-124.12 in cash for 1944—and that’s pure surplus in Uncle Sam’s jeans.

# Need Help, Pop?

Home Front Aided  
By Hero’s Efforts

When the Home Front needs help, soldiers come to the rescue, even if it’s in a clip joint.

Pfc Lem Glenn, Hq-SCU barber, was on pass a couple of Saturday nights ago. Feeling rather happy because of some refreshment he had just purchased, he passed a barber shop on a street somewhere in San Francisco.

On duty was a sole, perspiring barber, surrounded by more than a score customers awaiting their turn in the chair.

Glenn did not hesitate. Walking in, he asked, “Need some help, pop?” The civvie barber did not answer—merely handed him an apron and pointed to an empty barber chair.

The Taft, Calif., soldier went to work and hair fairly flew, albeit some of the results had that GI look. When the congestion was relieved, Glenn removed his apron, collected the \$3.70 he had earned, silently departed into the night.



**PORTRAIT OF A TOM CAT**—This is ‘Kat,’ 10-year-old feline dude of S/Sgt. Hugh Bennett, post sign painter. With almost three hitches in the Army Kat has really cut a fancy figure among KP spongers. Bennett claims that for awhile he was considering calling the be-whiskered animal ‘Errol Flynn’ because of his social ways. Though his facial resemblance to Tojo is pronounced, Kit refuses to claim origination from the same saucer of milk, according to Bennett.

# EM Discovers SF Bay

One hundred and seventy-five years ago on the first day of November a young Spanish sergeant, Ortega by name, was out hunting deer in a strange land. He was a member of the weary and half starved expedition of soldiers under Don Gaspar de Portola in the service of the king of Spain who were trying to find their way to Monterey Bay but got somewhat off their course.

Sergeant Ortega didn’t find any deer but he did discover “a great arm of the sea extending to the southeast farther than the eye could reach.” He was gazing upon the now famed Bay of San Francisco

and its glorious Golden Gate. He rushed back and reported the news to his commander.

Just think fellows, a non-com and not an eagle or a four-star, first gazed on what we know in our time as the gateway to the Pacific; the life and supply lines to our fighting men; the road to Tokyo.

However, to keep the record straight boys and according to exploratory etiquette, Commander Portola, as chief of the expedition got the credit. But don’t feel too badly—remember an EM in the service of Columbus was the first to sight that “hunk o’ land” called America and Chris got the breaks.

# Discharged Vets Get Small Business Aid

## Returning GI’s Urged to Get Into Smaller Enterprises

Small business — considered by Uncle Sam to be the backbone of his nation’s economic system—is to make a comeback after the war and returning vets are to get in on the ground floor.

According to a recent plan drawn up by the Smaller War Plants Corporation, directed by Maury Maverick, discharged GI’s will be encouraged to establish small businesses as a vital part of the reconversion program and thus create post-war employment.

The plan has no connection with the Bill of Rights or with other veteran legislation. It aims to treat the veteran on the same individual footing as any other person, but the SWPC looks upon the veterans as the principal reservoir of youthful enterprise and hopes to act through the Veterans Administration and the Selective Service System, both of which have given the program a favorable reception.

### Good Deal

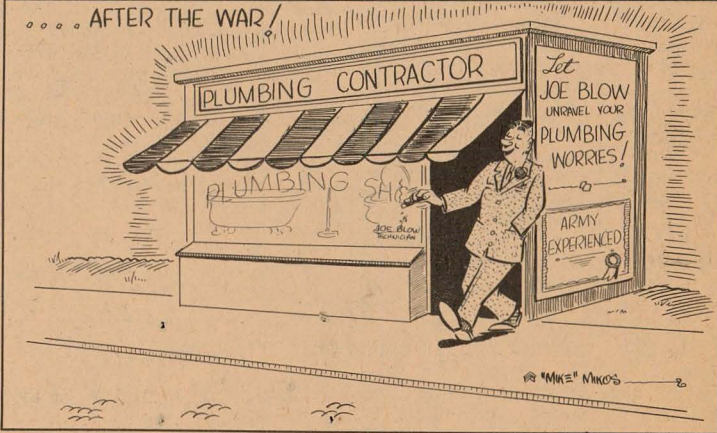
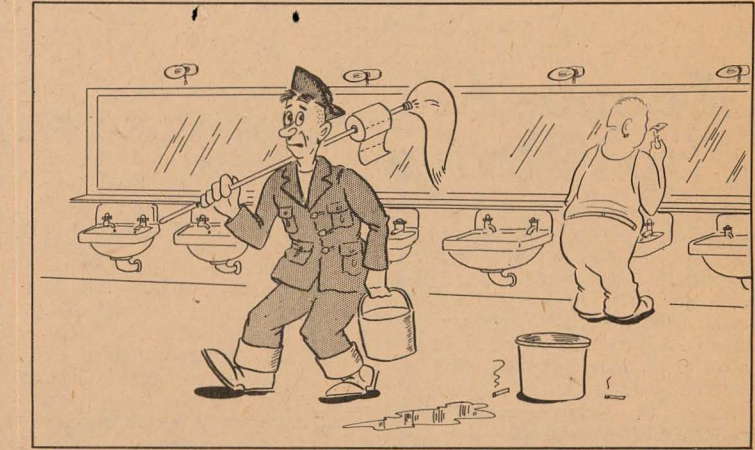
The SWPC offers four types of service to assist veterans to go into business, all of the services supplementing the GI Bill’s authorization of partly insured loans to veterans for the purpose.

First, loans may be obtained for worthwhile projects limited only by the requirements for capital to carry out ventures that have a reasonable chance of success on the basis of experience by the veteran and the market possibilities for the product or service he wishes to sell.

Second, assistance will be made in obtaining surplus war materials that will be helpful to the planned business venture, and, third, technical assistance will be supplied from the reservoir of experience collected by small manufacturers in war production.

### Patents Available

Fourth and final service is the availability of new product ideas gleaned from alien patents now mar-



ketable or from researches of the National Inventories Council.

SWPC stressed that any one of these forms of assistance, or any combination of them, would be available to veterans.

Maverick emphasized that loans were not to be considered as gifts or gratuities, because the agency did

not propose to give vets “loans into bankruptcy.”

Local soldiers who wish to explore the possibilities of SWPC assistance in starting small businesses after discharge should sweat out facts now by contacting the Personal Affairs Branch of Fort Winfield Scott and sub-posts, Post Hq., Fort Scott.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER  
AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS  
BLOOD DONOR SERVICE



An Appreciation

As 1944 is drawing to a close I wish to express the sincere appreciation of the San Francisco Red Cross Blood Donor Service for the generous support you have given this vital program throughout the year.

Due to the efforts of our many friends and the patriotic response of the public, the San Francisco Bay Area has collected and processed approximately 300,000 pints of blood during the year. This was essentially our quota.

Your contribution has been a valued factor in this successful accomplishment and it is gratefully acknowledged.

*Kenneth D. Joyce* Chairman  
San Francisco Blood Donor Committee

**TO THOSE SERVING WITHIN THE COMMAND** this notice of appreciation was extended last week by the San Francisco branch of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service. It is estimated that approximately 2800 pints of blood have been donated by personnel within these fortifications since the war.





**CHECKING THE COUNT.** Soldiers of A-174th, Hq-HDSF and Wac SCU pause for a moment in their bowling session at the Fort Scott alleys to see how they stand. T-5 Carl Lyon, Hq-HDSF, sits behind the score sheet while Pfc Thersa DeDominicis of the Wacs sweats out her recent 193 game. (Photo by GGG)



**THERE SHALL BE MUSIC**—One of the more versatile choral groups found in the Army is the Fort Winfield Scott Chapel Choir, which is shown here performing at the Scott Noncom Club. The group, under the leadership of Chaplain C. R. Culpepper, is making plans for the Easter holidays. Miss Marilyn McIntosh directs the singers, assisted by Mrs. Olive Culpepper, organist. (Photo by T/Sgt. Donald Dapprich.)

## FOOTLIGHTS and SPOTLIGHTS

By T-5 Jason Meyer

Judy Garland show is being peddled around to prospective buyers . . . cost? A mere \$18,000 weekly . . . During the recent illness of Major Bowes, the choir of Liturgical Music of New York was presented for the Amateur Hour Christmas broadcast . . . affair was conducted by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman . . .



Rudy Vallee and Betty Jane Greer are separated once again . . . Comedian Gil Lamb suffered the loss of a few teeth in an auto crash . . . English film bigwigs are going to use Hollywood's system of publicity . . . will endeavor to glamorize British actresses and make pinups out of them. . .

Frank Sinatra is slated to start a new pic for RKO . . . title will be "Bar of Music"—a slaphappy musical . . . The Motion Picture studios are wondering what's going to happen to their manpower situation . . . new 4F draft edict has them worried plenty . . .

Lauritz Melchior sings a didy in "Thrill of Romance" for MGM . . . Sir Alexander Korda, famous British producer, gets \$1,400,000 annually . . . money received from rentals on reissues of his old pictures . . .

Back to work went Olivia De Havilland after year's idleness . . . disputes with Warners caused delay of her pictures . . . newest will be "The Well Groomed Bride" co-starring with Ray Milland and Dennis O'Keefe . . . Incidentally back-

ground shots of the Golden Gate for this flicker were recently filmed by a Paramount photog.

The last Laird Cregar film to be released is "Hangover Square" . . . actor died a short time back . . . this was the biggest role of his career . . .

Upon the request of hundreds of GIs, Lauren Bacall made her debut on the Command Performance radio show . . . also heard was Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Ann Sheridan, Stan Kenton, Anita O'Day, and the Andrews Sisters . . .

For the right to make a picture about the Hollywood Canteen, \$250,000 was paid to the organization . . . Jack Warner turned check over to canteen's acting president, John Garfield . . . Fay Emerson has returned to Hollywood . . . currently is working on "Hotel Berlin" . . .

Gene Kelly transferred to U. S. Naval Training Station in San Diego . . .

Lovely Jinx Falkenburg now in states after touring China with Pat O'Brien's troupe . . . The Inner Sanctum Mystery radio show has a new idea . . . will invite famous Broadway authors to become part of the continuity in presentation of show . . .

Orson Welles is making a series of poetic recordings for Decca records . . . Jimmy Durante has arrived in film land to do some more pictures . . . Major Jack Holt is a civilian again after two years service . . .



## Meet the Scribe

'Points from Point' Scribe is Jitterbug

When Pfc Joseph Melito donned OD's for the first time, about two years ago, he had no reason to believe that he would become an Army Newspaper correspondent.

In his home town of Bridgeport, Conn., 22-year-old Melito had sound ambitions of someday becoming a political leader.

"There is plenty of room in this world for honest men in political circles. I hope to become one someday," Private Melito said.

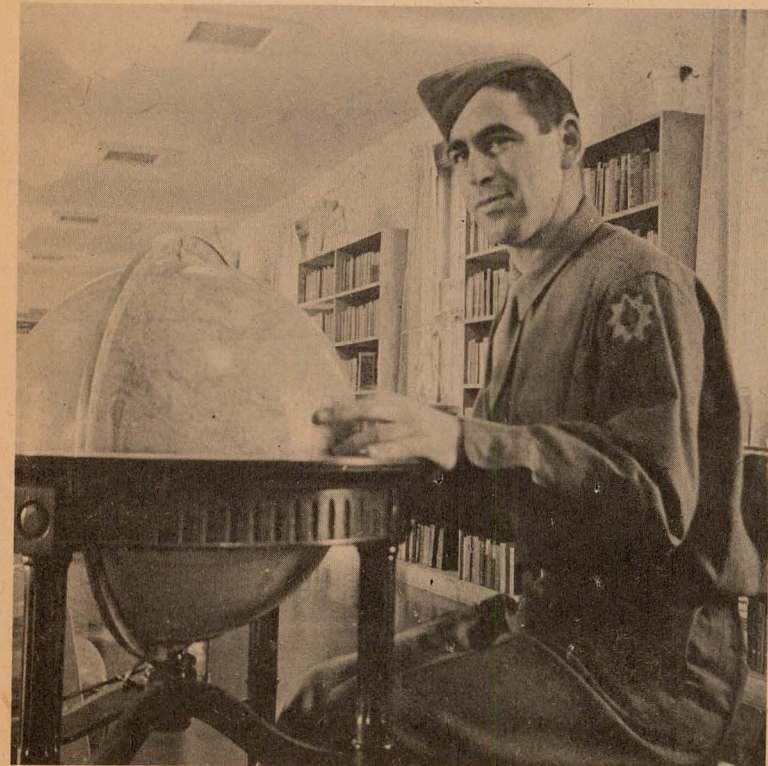
Writing about happenings at Battery Point (Points from the Point), Joe Melito has done a very creditable job for The GGG and has been on the Reporting Reporter's masthead for several months.

But politics and journalism are almost sidelines to this GI scribe when it comes to his hobby—dancing. Joe is said to be a master ballroom dancer, exponent of the folk dances and is willing to wager that he is the best jitterbug dancer in these parts.

This month he hopes to be married to Catherine Boghosian of his home town.

Melito has a philosophy of life; he believes there is great hope for the future.

"The hope of the world lies in equality and integrity of all nations and peoples large and small," the soldier newspaperman says.



**POLITICAL ASPIRANT** Pfc Joe Melito is the boy that dishes out the dirt and prose from Battery Point. (Photo by GGG)

## 'Destination, Tokyo' Tops for GI's

Attendance Low at Publicized Movies

By the numbers, here is how Ft. Scott movie fans counted off the most popular moving pictures of the 1944 season so far, according to attendance information released by the Post Theatre management covering the period from January to September of the current year.

"Destination, Tokyo" is number one on the list with a record crowd of 1,142 who came, sat and saw. In second place with 1,135 was that GI saga, "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove," while 1,112 others thought a "Guy Named Joe" was good enough to rate third.

"Ali Baba & The Forty Thieves" 'sesame'd' into fourth with 1,053 rooters for Maria Montez, and the story of five heroic brothers in the Navy who died for their country, "The Sullivans" hit fifth by a count of 1,135. Danny Kaye had 987 "Up In Arms" for sixth, 977 swung it to seventh for "Broadway Rhythm" while 934 held out for Bing in the eighth, singing "Going My Way." "Since You Went Away" nosed out the "White Cliffs of Dover" in the 'Tear Derby' and handkerchief'd in to ninth on a wet track with 920 to Dover's 878.

The following movies also ran in the order named: "Cover Girl," 869; "Buffalo Bill," 857; "Bathing Beauty," 853; "Purple Heart," 834; "The Story of Dr. Wassell," 823; "Madame Curie," 769; "And The Angels Sing,"

758; "Eve of St. Mark," 710; "Arsonic & Old Lace," 705 and "Up In Mabel's Room," 609.

Finishing in the twenty-one to thirty bracket were "Gaslight," 665; "Dragon Seed," 661; "Marine Raiders," 651; "The Adventures of Mark Twain," 649; "Sensations of 1945," 622; "I Love A Soldier," 615; "Home In Indiana," 598; "Hail The Conquering Hero," 590; "Double Indemnity," 568 and the "Mask of Dimitrios," 550.

## Where's the Rink?

Provided you're wondering how to get to Sutro's Ice Rink to watch the HDSF Gunners in action, take the No. 1 or No. 2 streetcar to the end of the line. The rink is right there.

If you're riding, drive out to Geary Blvd., and go west on it until you reach the Cliff House; it's next door.

## SILLY GIRL!

Moitie: "When Hoiman and I get married we're going to Bali Bali to see what it's like there."

Maizie: "Silly, it's the same wherever you go."

## Double Duty in the Service

### Effie and Son Have GI Jobs

Wife, mother, grandmother and Wac is Pfc Effie Lasher, painter with Post Engineers.

"My husband is an electrician and acetylene welder at the Willamette Shipyards in Portland, Ore. When he volunteered for duty overseas, I decided to get in the fight too—so I joined the Wacs," said Private Lasher.

"Now I'm one uniform ahead of him because his superintendent wouldn't release him on the ground that he was too valuable in his present position."

Pfc Lasher's family is contributing 100 per cent to the war effort. Her son S/Sgt. Vernon Carpenter spent 20 months overseas as a rear gunner with an AAF outfit. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross in the African campaign and was one of the first 12 to get his Oak Leaf Cluster. After almost two years of duty in Italy, Sicily, Malta and Africa he is now teaching ground gunning at Walla Walla, Wash.

Effie's two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Quinn and Mrs. James



**S/Sgt. and Mrs. Vernon Carpenter**



**Pfc Effie Lasher**

Hickman, are working as electrician's helpers in the shipyards. Mrs. Quinn's husband served two years in the Solomons with the Navy. There are four grandchildren to

complete the picture—two boys and two girls. They believe their grandmother is a pretty grand lady and makes an excellent member of the Women's Army Corps.



# Miley Cagers Tally New HDSF Scoring Record



**GUNNER GOALIE, T-5 Leonard Laidoner, B-174th, sweats out an approaching puck shot as his Harbor Defense ice hockey mates play the Western Defense Command team in the Bay Area Servicemen's Hockey League at Sutro's Ice Rink. Laidoner, a Los Angeles, Calif., athlete, never had a pair of skates on before in his life, but according to Coach Pfc Bill James, he's the "find of the year."**

## Gunner Puckmen Have Experienced Help

They may not play the best brand of hockey in the world, but it's rough and fast and the fans like it; that's why the ice hockey team composed of coast artillerymen from the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco are utilizing off-duty time to bring more of this increasingly-interesting game to Bay Area ice enthusiasts.

Calling themselves The Gunners, the Harbor Defense club is but one of the five all-service teams entered in the all-GI puck tournament, including teams from the Western Defense Command, Fourth Air Force, Fort Mason Port of Embarkation and Marines.

All Harbor Defense players, save two, hail from the Midwest, a section of the country where ice hockey flourishes from the best professional teams in the world to "sandlot" games played on ice-frozen rivers, using a flattened tin can as a puck.

Herewith is presented members of the Gunner team:

**PFC BILL JAMES**—team coach, center. This former Mine Flotilla athlete, now with Hq-HDSF, is only 20 years old but he was a coming hockey star when the Army tabbed him. He was with the Michigan-Ontario loop, having been farmed out by the Chicago Black Hawks. At 15, he was a member of a championship high school team in his home town, Muskegan, Mich., and later played amateur with the Muskegan Causeways and Muskegan Sailors. He weighs 185.

**T-5 JOHN CABLK**—wing. John hails from Chicago, Ill., where he had top-flight experiences with the Chicago Hornets in that city's fast CYO league. In spite of his youthful 20 years, he is a smooth puckster, and Coach James admits he is probably the fastest skater on the team. Cablk is with Hq-HDSF and weighs 180.

**T-5 LLOYD OLSON**—wing. This Roseau, Minn., iceman has had no semi-pro or pro experience, but did play with a city league team in his hometown. He is very deceptive with the puck and plays a clean game. Olson is attached to Hq-172d,

Fort Barry, is 22 years old, weight 193 lbs.

**PVT. DON WEBER**—defense. Don, former American Association baseball pitcher with St. Paul, Minn., is a hard-hitting, rough-'em-up defense man, and likes to check on-rushing puck handlers. He uses his 6 feet, 197 lbs. to good advantage. Weber, now at B-173d, has played hockey in high school only.

**T-5 DON ANDERSON**—defense. Age 27 may be considered old for some men to be playing hockey, but to Don it's just a beginning. He played some hockey at Kennedy, Minn., high school, and turns in an aggressive, smart game. He packs 206 lbs. around the rink and hails from A-174th.

**T-5 LEONARD LAIDONER**—goalie. With absolutely no experience before, Laidoner is developing into a good goalie, nevertheless. This Los Angeles, Calif., GI is with B-174th, towers 6 ft., and weighs 175 lbs. Watch him in action at Sutro's some night. He's hot.

**S/SGT. EVERETT GORTON**—wing. Recently assigned to A-HDSF, Gorton looks good. He has played inter-city hockey at Cranston, R.I., with the Cranston Tigers, and with the high school team there in '33. 5 ft. 10 in., and 180 lbs.

**PVT. JOSEPH MATHIEWS**—wing. A converted defense player, this B-174th soldier played in the Chicago City League, his home town. Joe, a 190-pounder, is a good man to have around.

**T-5 KEN GOLDEN**—defense. For a small guy (5 ft. 8 in., 165 lbs.) Ken is very aggressive and possesses a quick temper. Golden hails from Coach James' hometown, too, of Muskegan, Mich., and played on the same teams there. He is at B-174th.

**CPL. JIM WOJCIK**—wing. This St. Paul, Minn., all-around athlete is a fast skater and good puck handler, although his experience is limited to high school. He weighs 185 lbs., stands 5 ft. 9 in., and is stationed at B-172d.

**T-5 EUGENE MALY**—defense. Gene has had limited experience in Detroit, Mich., but plays a rugged

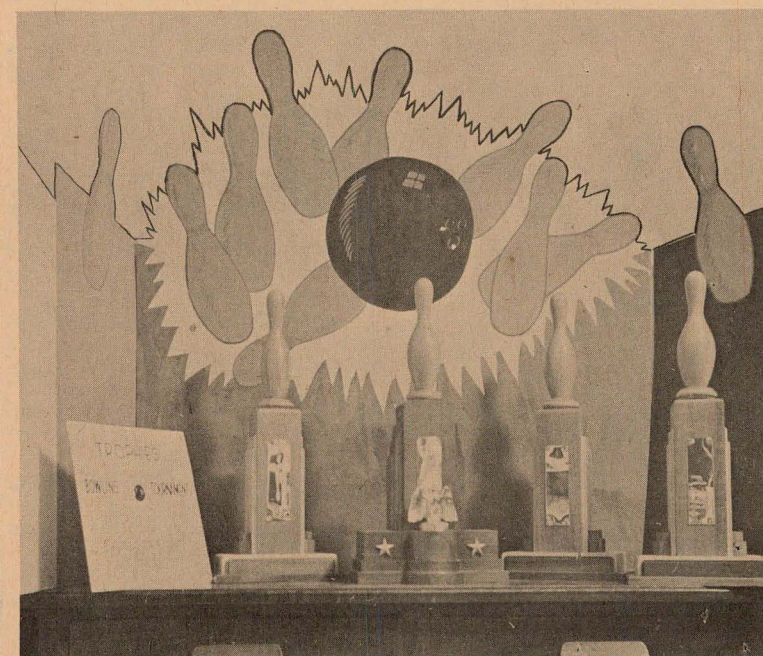
game on the ice. He is with C-172d, weighs 165 lbs., stands 5 ft. 11 in.

**PFC MILO GROEN**—wing. A fairly fleet skater, Milo has displayed plenty of zip. This A-174th puckster comes from Cedar Falls, Iowa, weighs 150 lbs. and is 5 ft. 11 in. tall.

### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

She said some very foolish things to her boyfriend that night, "yes" being one of them.

Memphis street sign: No U-all turn.



**BOWLING TROPHIES** to be awarded winners of the keeling tournaments within the HDSF are being displayed at the Fort Scott, Baker and Barry alleys. One award goes to the Class A champ for both sides of the bay, and one of the smaller ones to the runner-up. The trophy on the right will be awarded the Class B top team with another going to the second best quintet in the handicap division. (Photo by GGG.)

## Couture In NSC Bouts

Pfc Al Couture, hard-socking Fort Scott fighter and Harbor Defense welterweight king, left for Camp Beale, Calif., yesterday to compete in the final matches for the Ninth Service Command boxing championships.

In spite of the fact that he was on furlough to Boston, Mass., Couture reported he was in excellent shape, having fought several fights while in the New England states. He is being managed for the Beale bouts by M/Sgt. R. O. King, Hq-HDSF.

Couture won the right to enter the NSC finals by scoring a one-round TKO over Soldier Frank Bodnar, Camp Stoneman, in the Camp McQuaide, Calif., ring last month.

## Hq-SCU Soldier Wins AWVS Golf

Pvt. Grant Bowen, Hq-SCU soldier, gave Bay Area servicemen golfers notice that he is a mean man with the niblick when the 24-year-old Reno, Nev., athlete annexed the regular monthly AWVS golf tournament held at the Lincoln Park Monday, Jan. 6.

Bowen, who has been assigned to the post provost marshal's office for over a year, was credited with an 88 score and 18 stroke handicap, giving him top card with a 70. He won a War Bond for his efforts.

AWVS golf play is a traveling loop, rotating between the various San Francisco courses each month.

### WDC Next

Harbor Defense ice hockey fans began sweating out their various battery pass lists today to see if they can get off Saturday night to watch the Gunners take on the rough WDC pucksters at Sutro's.

Pfc Bill James, coach, announced his soldier players were in tip-top shape for the Presidio sextet which dropped their league opener to Fourth Air Force, 11-6.

The contest is slated to begin at 8 p. m.

## Kennedy Hoops 46 In Tunneleer Rout

T-4 Frank Kennedy had but to stand under the bucket and pour 'em through the hoop last week as his B-173d Tunneleers crushed the strong Balboa High School Independents, 86 to 45, on the high school courts.

The towering 6 ft. 6½ in. Oklahoma cager tallied 46 points from his pivot spot. Cpl. Jim Moore contributed 16 digits, and Navarro rounded 18 points for the Balboans.

The Cronkhitters led the halftime, 44 to 16.

## C-172d Crushes Foe With Torrid 142 to 44 Count

Another Harbor Defense basketball scoring record went into the all-time annals last week when the cage quintet of C-172d, Fort Miley, ran up an amazing total of 142 points to the hapless A-HDSF's 44 in the Scott gym.

Pfc Ed Tyc, former Melrose Park, Ill., cager, almost set a new HDSF scoring mark, too, pouring in 50 points in the rout. Sgt. Al Beekman, Hq-HDSF, established the new mark of 58 points three weeks ago, replacing the old mark of 42 points hooped by T-5 Bill Murdy in 1943.

Pfc Jack Haley, Miley forward, lopped in 44 points to top Murdy's mark, too, and Pfc Roger Cooper contributed 22 markers to complete the rout. S/Sgt. Luke Nardone slipped in 16 for A-HDSF, followed by teammate S/Sgt. Doug Richardson with 12.

### Hq-HDSF Dumped

Fort Funston's hot-and-cold team of A-173d proved to be a bit of the torrid side in their game with Hq-HDSF, upsetting the favored Scottmen, 39 to 38. Pfc Vic Piva, left-handed cager, poured in 11 points to pace the win, in addition to turning in a neat floor game in holding the high scoring Beekman to eight points.

The Cannoneers fared badly against the league-leading Tunneleers, losing 43 to 29. Piva had a "cold" night, but Cpl. John Gregson and Sgt. Bill Baudwin each collected 10 points. T-4 Frank Kennedy paced the winners with 17 points.

Pfc Junior Tucker, B-172d pivot, practically had a field night for himself as his Lion mates massacred A-173d, 99 to 39. Tucker tallied 28 points and turned in a sensational floor game. T-4 Joe Fernandez contributed 18 points and Sgt. Norman Hibbard hooped 16. Gregson got 11 points for the losing Cannoneers.

The Lions continued their winning ways, dumping A-6th, Kirby, 42 to 36, with Hibbard the big gun with 12 points.

### Tunneleers Win

With Kennedy the principal scoring threat and Cpl. Jim Moore the ace in the hole, the Cronkhite B-173d outfit eased through their games and appeared on the inside track to the HDSF crown. After bumping A-173d, they drubbed the new league entrants, 122d Rec. Cavaliers, 47 to 21, with the lanky Kennedy snagging 16 points and Moore 15.

They had a rough time beating C-172d, Fort Miley, however, 56 to 44, and had to come from behind in the last period to turn the trick. Behind 37-32 going into the final stanza, Kennedy and Moore combined their scoring talents to overwhelm the Mileymen. Kennedy got 21 points, and Tyc and Hollingsworth each collected 1 for "C."

The Mileymen, however, provided a mild upset in edging the strong B-172d Lions, 56 to 53, in a wild nip-and-tuck contest. Haley provided the scoring punch in the final minute, looping a basket and making a free throw good. Hibbard was high scorer for the evening with 21 points, while Tyc and Rimmel each swished 13.

### Hot Kirbymen

Sgt. Herman Lolley of A-6th gave note that he will be a cager to keep a wary eye upon when he scored 21 points in leading his Battery Kirby mates to an overwhelming 63 to 22 win over A-174th. Cpl. Clyde Audas poured in 19 points and Pvt. Ken Smith dropped in 18 for Kirby. T-5 Bill Murdy of A-174th was held to a meagre eight points in the lop-sided session.

## Flyers Pin 11-6 Loss On WDC in Puck Opener

Cpl. Dave Naylor, whose name wasn't even in the advance lineup, proved the eagle eye and skating genius for the Fourth Air Force as the irmen tallied a decisive 11 to 6 victory over the WDC in the Servicemen's Hockey League opener at Sutro's last Saturday night.

Naylor caged four goals, Pvt. Bob Morrow and Lt. Ed Walsh got two each, and Sgt. Earl Hauser, Lt. Ray Leggett, and Cpl. Chester Hartel each got one.

For the losers, Pvt. Don Weber and Sgt. Bill Pattulo each sent a pair into the mesh, while Pfc Paul Bracken and T-5 John Cablk each scored one.





The big boys are getting jittery.

At first appearance it seemed as though the recently organized Servicemen's Hockey League—of which the Harbor Defense is a playing member—would run a poor attendance race considering that professional hockey is being held on identical Tuesday and Saturday nights at another rink in San Francisco.

But the new GI loop has civilian competitors a mite worried, principally because the service league is turning out some fast, aggressive sessions. Furthermore—a definite factor—admission price to the Sutro ice rink is not as great as that charged downtown. Result: ever-increasing crowds.

TICKETS

HOCKEY GAMES

TO-NITE!!

HDSF GUNNERS

Reason for the reduced price is simple; the GI's are not out to make a profit but are playing the game because they like it. About the only reason there is a charge at all is to cover expenses: rent of the rink, paying for the uniforms, skates and other hockey equipment.

The Army still does not lose sight of its chief goal—that of the physical conditioning of its soldiers and the desire to see that their men play the sport they want to play in off-duty hours.

Besides a little competition never hurt any kind of business.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: We like to see underdogs come through, and when the Cannoneer basketball team of A-173d, Fort Funston, surprised a strong Hq-HDSF quint, 39 to 38, it came as a satisfaction to many spectators. Granted that the Hq. men were off their game, but the Cannoneers deserved the win. For our money, too, we'll take this fella Rich who plays forward for the Funston team . . . Watch for some great playing from S/Sgt. Everett Gorton, A-HDSF, new addition to the Gunner ice hockey club. The sarge looks sharp.

Army red tape has to a certain extent dulled the sharp enthusiasm of the HDSF bowling tournaments.

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The issue at stake is whether or not to lower bowling prices, how the games are going to be paid for, who's going to pay them, etc., ad infinitum. Meanwhile, some good bowlers are twiddling their thumbs while the fire-cracker sizzles . . .

Pfc Ray Volz, who was the most-talked-about player in the HDSF cage race last year, is stealing the thunder from the more-talked-about Pfc Gale Bishop, both currently members of the Fort Lewis, Wash., basketball team. Volz has been hooping points right along to outshine the All-American Bishop. Against the Harlem Globe Trotters recently Bishop was held to 8 points while Volz was picking up 16.

Sight of the week: Capt. C. E. Brewer, special service officer, WDC, pulling a Clem McCarthy with the public address system at the ice hockey matches the other night. One of the HDSF players said he caught himself listening to the progress of the game over the loud-speaker; the vapor over the ice was so thick he couldn't see to the other end of the rink, anyway.

Sport Sketches

By Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos

Star FORWARD

AL BECKMAN

AL IS THE SPARK PLUG COURT CAPTAIN OF THE SNAPPY HDSF QUINLET

HE HAILS FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN WHERE HE PLAYED IN THE INDEPENDENT LEAGUE. HE TALLIED 39 POINTS IN ONE GAME THERE.

"BEEKY" HOLDS THE HDSF BASKET BALL SCORING RECORD OF 58 POINTS SCORED IN LEAGUE PLAY AGAINST A-HDSF.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHAMPION HENRY CO. BASKETBALL TEAM 3 YRS. IN ROW.

HE WAS A FORWARD ON THE FIRST ALL-STAR SCOTT TEAM IN 42-43.

HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CHAMPION HENRY CO. BASKETBALL TEAM 3 YRS. IN ROW.

TEAM MATE WAS ART BICK WHO LATER STARRER AT WEST POINT.

PLAYED FIRST STRING BASE-BALL and FOOT-BALL at MALINTA HI SCHOOL in OHIO.

To Strut Stuff

Hq-HDSF, paced by eagle-eyed Sgt. Al Beekman, has entered its basketball team in the Class A division of the San Francisco Recreation Department's casaba tournament, it was announced today.

League competition is slated to start this week. All games will be played on downtown courts but no admission price is charged to city league contests.

'Y' Plans Handball Tourney for Jan. 29

With a special welcome mat on the doorstep for servicemen, competition in the Embarcadero YMCA handball tournament is scheduled to whip into action Jan 29 and 30, according to L. H. Starkweather, physical director at the 'Y' and chief of the tourney.

Play will be staged in singles only, it was indicated.

Already top players of the Athens Club, San Francisco Elks Club, Oakland YMCA, Olympic Club and South End Rowing Club have promised competitors. Starkweather points out, however, that servicemen—who are the real reason for the tournament—are urged to take part in the affair.

Cannoneer Pin Five Goes Up in League

With the South Bay Class B handicap bowling league virtually at a standstill because of payment difficulties, team standings remained almost unchanged during the past two week bowling period.

Sole change was the rise of A-173d, Fort Funston, fifth to fourth after disposing of B-6th, three points to one, and crushing the Wacs, four to nothing. Against the Army girls, Miller rolled a 522 series. Other contest results found A-174th getting four points each from B-6th and A-HDSF.

| TEAM STANDINGS Class B, South Bay |     |      |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Team                              | Won | Lost | Pct.  |
| Hq-HDSF                           | 8   | 0    | 1.000 |
| A-174th                           | 12  | 4    | .750  |
| A-HDSF                            | 7   | 5    | .583  |
| A-173d                            | 8   | 8    | .500  |
| B-6th                             | 5   | 11   | .312  |
| Wacs                              | 0   | 12   | .000  |

Gunner Icemen Thrash Flyers, WDC in Practice

All informal, full-length scrimmage with the Harbor Defense ice hockey Gunners turned into disaster for the Fourth Air Force and Western Defense Command teams as the local club blasted both challengers at Sutro's Tuesday, Jan. 9.

The Gunners took on the Flyers in the first period, spotted them two scores, mainly because of a lax moment on the part of goalie T-5 Leonard Laidoner, then came back to dump them, 5 to 2. Pfc Bill James scored once, T-5 John Cablk twice, Pvt. Don Weber once unassisted, and S/Sgt. Everett Gorton once.

WDC tried their luck in the second stanza, but were mopped up, 7 to 1, with Cablk and James virtually scoring at will.

The Flyers came back to play the first ten minutes of the third period, but lost, 2 to 0. WDC took over the final ten minutes but could do nothing with the Gunners, losing 1 to 0.

BAKER MEDICS

"Never volunteer for anything" is an old Army motto, and T-5 Jack Duncan is a firm believer of that old adage today.

When the Hospital Train Unit SCU 1960 at the Presidio called the Baker Medics for a special detail of men to take a train ride with some patients, Duncan was the first in line to make application, visioning a 24-hour layover in some large town.

Duncan made the trip okeh, but he is rather browned off. It seems the jaunt was to Portland, Ore., and there was only a one hour delay between rides.

Suffering the same fate were T-5 Joe Varacello, Pfc Dick Gray, Pfc Sid Hansen, Pfc Nuzianto Leo, Pfc Ray Underwood, Pvt. Rudolph Cannon, Pvt. Roy Johnston and Pvt. Chuck Koehler.

Pfc Frank Bratek packed his box of cigars and took off for Detroit to help his wife sweat out a coming event, while Pfc Bob Rudy closed his bowling books and left for Coldwater, Mich., where he will take his first look at his new family.

Claiming she couldn't stand his cooking any longer, Lt. Ernest Wille's comely spouse has been seen dining at Wolf's Snack Bar and Gambling Home (pinocle in the back room). Also, there is finally a prospective barterer for the lieutenant's beat-up Buick; it's the man

A-HDSF Keglers Take Over Lead As A-174th Blows Game to B-6th

B-174th Pin Quint Leads

Utilizing the sensational 188 average of T-5 Carl Heisser to good advantage, the bowling quint from B-174th, Fort Baker, increased their lead over B-172d to two full games last week as the North Bay Class A kegling league approached a nip-and-tuck climax.

The Bakermen resumed league competition after a 10 day postponement of all games because of unforeseen tournament problems and blasted Hq-173d, three games to nothing. T-5 Leonard Winters hit the jackpot for the winners with a chubby 546 series, including a high ten of 212.

After starting off the league six weeks ago like a ball of fire, the Lions continued to sluff off games, their final blow-up coming when they managed to salvage a two game to one decision from Battery Kirby at A-6th. They remained in the running, however, by clipping Hospital Co., three to zero, with Cpl. Bus Rowland rolling a 577 series, including a 208 game. Sgt. Norman Hibbard registered an evening high of 212.

Hq-173d Loses

In the only other game in the Class A division, the Officers measured Hq-173d, two games to one. Goodrich topped the Officers with a 206 individual game.

Although teams have been rolling in the North Bay's Class B handicap league, no standings or results are available pending the return from furlough of Pfc Bob Rudy, league secretary.

LEAGUE STANDINGS Class A, North Bay

| Team      | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|-----------|-----|------|------|
| B-174th   | 27  | 3    | .891 |
| B-172d    | 25  | 5    | .825 |
| B-173d    | 14  | 10   | .588 |
| A-6th     | 16  | 14   | .528 |
| Officers  | 13  | 17   | .429 |
| Hq-173d   | 10  | 26   | .280 |
| Hosp. Co. | 7   | 23   | .231 |
| A-172d    | 4   | 20   | .168 |

RATHER PHEGMATIC

The slowest thing in the world is a nudist going over a barbed wire fence.

with the "little red wagon" who wants to trade—even up.

1st Sgt. Gale (Gutter Ball) Houser

WILL I EVER BOWL 202 AGAIN?

rolled a fat 202 game in bowling about six weeks ago and the battery has never heard the last of his bragging yet.

M/Sgt. Dan Betournay has taken over Sgt. Dean (A-Republican-President-In-'48) Kloefer's duties in the Reconditioning torture chamber, Ward 24. Kloefer is now a patient in the same ward, proving that if you work long enough in the hospital you'll wind up in a soft spot.

Pfc Nick Nicola has nothing but good to say of the charming people of the great metropolis of San Rafael who winned and dined him royally recently. "Their hospitality, practically blowed me over," he said. "I may even go back again."

Soldier bowlers at B-6th, Fort Scott, winners of the South Bay bowling league last year, but who this year have been rather phlegmatic, had cause for jubilation this week after knocking A-174th, two games to one, and at the same time sinking them out of the league lead for the South Bay Class A division.

Replacing A-174th on top of the heap was A-HDSF, Fort Scott, which has been improving with each contest.

Although no bowlers from B-6th cracked a 500 in their series, A-174th proved to be colder than a mackerel on the maples. Cpl. Frank Marino was the only "A" battery bowler to do anything at all, rolling a 544 series and high ten, 213. They sunk lower in league standings when Hq-SCU took a game from them in their set-to, then dropped two more to a sizzling Hq-HDSF outfit.

Topkick Is Hot

First Sgt. Gus Schmidt continued to lead his A-HDSF club up the South Bay ladder. The top sarge tallied a 560 series and 210 game as his mates whipped B-6th, three games to nothing, and Ehlers cracked a 564 series and 213 ten as the searchlight boys scuttled Navy, three to nothing.

Hq-HDSF fought their way into second place by cracking up A-174th, two to one, with T-4 Steve Sedlak paving the way with a 540 high thirty. Marino tallied a round 614 thirty, including tens of 212-196-206. The Hq. bowlers then took measure of C-172d, Fort Miley, two to one, as Sedlak shot a 564. T-5 Don Schreiber, however, took evening's laurels with a 586 series and 213 individual effort.

Hq. continued their rampage with a three-nothing whitewash of A-173d, Fort Funston, although Van Houten made a valiant bid for the Cannoneers with a 580 series. Day topped the winners with a 573 series.

Even SCU Wins

A-173d continued their losing ways against Hq-SCU, two games to one, although Van Houten shot a 526 series. T-5 Bill Jane paced the winning SCUers with a 521 effort. Hq-SCU rounded out their two week competition with a two game to one loss to Navy and a similar loss to A-174th.

Schreiber climbed the individual bowling average list and at the same time hoisted his Miley team into third place by clubbing Navy, three-nothing, and crushing B-6th by an identical tally. Schreiber topped "C" in each contest with a 504 and 524 series, respectively.

B-6th broke into the win column for the first time this season, gaining a two-one win over Navy.

Marino continues to top South Bay bowlers with a 194 average for 18 contests, followed by Van Houten, 186, and a three-way tie between Schmidt, Sedlak and Sarafolcan, 184.

Marino has rolled three plus-600 series in six contests—632, 607, 614—and has high individual game of 267, tops for both sides of the bay.

TEAM STANDINGS Class A, South Bay

| Team    | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|---------|-----|------|------|
| A-HDSF  | 13  | 5    | .822 |
| Hq-HDSF | 15  | 6    | .714 |
| C-172d  | 14  | 7    | .667 |
| A-174th | 14  | 7    | .667 |
| Hq-SCU  | 9   | 12   | .428 |
| A-173d  | 6   | 12   | .333 |
| Navy    | 8   | 16   | .333 |
| B-6th   | 5   | 19   | .208 |

LOST CAUSE

We've heard a lot of guys gripe about getting a calling-down from an officer. But the way we see it, the enlisted man is always the guy who has the last word—"Yes, sir."

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

GEE, GENERAL, I'M SORRY TO HEAR YOU CAME OUT WITH COMBAT FATIGUE... IS IT BAD?

IT'S TOUGH, MISS LACE... ANY SUDDEN SOUND MAKES YOU JUMP!



BANG! BANG!

OH, GOLLY!... CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING?

DON'T MOVE... JUST LET ME STAY LIKE THIS... IT GOES AWAY AFTER AN HOUR OR SO!



REPORTING REPORTERS



S/SGT. WILLIAM EWING, T-5 JOHN O'DONNELL, T-5 RAY COLONNA, T-5 BOB MURPHY, CPL. FRANK MEEHAN, PFC. DICK HAMILTON, PVT. WILLIAM KRAMER, PFC. JOSEPH MELITO, CPL. HADLEY BREAKLEY, CPL. ALBERT MAN-MILLER.

POINTS FROM THE POINT  
By T-5 Joseph Melito

The following men have recently returned from overseas and we are proud to have them as our buddies: Cpl. Theodore Roy, in the service four and a half years, spent four of them in the Southwest Pacific. His comment: "I saw too many sand bars."

Back in the States after three years abroad and taking part in the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy is T-5 Albert Blakeman. He was among those who attended an audience given by the Pope.



Nobility is represented in the person of T/Sgt. V. Martini. He hails from Chicago and is married to Lady Catherine Franks-Hay. Martini has been in Australia, New Guinea, and the Admiralty Islands.

Having spent some four years in Hawaii, Guadalcanal, the Fijis and New Heberides, Sgt. Richard Golden will soon take over as UPO clerk. "Los Angeles has never had a temperature below 70 degrees," Golden declares.

Expecting to get married on his next furlough, Pvt. James Wilhite was at Pearl Harbor during the Jap raid and has been in the Pacific (Guadalcanal, Bougainville, etc.) four years. Incidentally, the future Mrs. Wilhite is Helen Payne from 'way back in Mt. Airy, N. C.

An American that speaks with a complete English accent is Pvt. Colin Campbell who also was at Pearl Harbor in Dec. '41. Since then he has served in the Pacific. We still can't believe Colin is from Flushing, N. Y.

Plenty of action was seen by Pvt. R. Sykes who took part in the Sicilian, Salerno, Anzio and the Southern France campaigns. Pvt. Sykes has been in the service two and half years and his home town is Wake Forrest, N. C.

The Senior NCO's challenged the Junior NCO's to a bowling match last week. The score was a tie 2-2. The Seniors claim this was due to the fact that they were unable to get a fifth man: and that the Juniors (sergeants and corporals) sabotaged the game, believing that Darlak (the fifth man) was bribed. What do you say, Fred?

T-5 George Mack writes that he's in good health. Mack, a former member of the Piont says that he has "plenty of food, fun, sunshine and swimming!"

We are wondering if Pvt. Setlock has struck the arc as yet? Or is he still "moonbeaming?"

Ever since the East-West game men from the East have had to live down many remarks. Westerners are using the post-election phrase, "We told you so!"

Most of the men except T-5 McClelland are satisfied that Crosby came out on top again this year. McClelland is still a Sinatra fan.

There seems to be a "father-son" competition going on. Pfc Stanley wears more brass than his dad who's a colonel overseas.

Cpl. Ed Brucklmeyer has been worried lately. It's cold in Minn. and Ed hopes that Betty keeps herself warm. He told her it's 'always' warm and the sun shines 'all day long,' not mentioning of course the 'liquid' rays we get!

Sole Surviving Sons  
Draw Non-Combatancy

In recognition of the sacrifice and contribution made by a family which has lost two or more sons and has only one surviving, the War Department has approved a policy of returning to or retaining in the continental United States the sole surviving son.

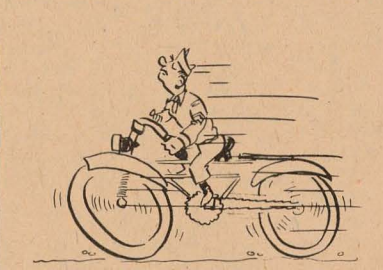
Exception to this directive is where the surviving son is engaged in non-hazardous duty overseas.

The plan of removing men from the hazards of combat activity is an extension of this policy.

BAYVIEW INN

The men of Bayview Inn extend their deepest sympathy to members of the late 1st Sgt. Robert See's family on his untimely passing. His duties have been taken over by 1st Sgt. Ben Bowers, who recently returned to this country from many months of combat service overseas.

Old Doc Stork has been busy recently recruiting new subscribers among the families of SCU-ers to the DiDee Wash Diaper Service. Proud M's and F's include Pfc and Mrs. Ivan Schrank, a boy; Pfc and Mrs. Eber Hampton, a girl; Pfc and Mrs. Irving Haukedahl, a boy, and Pvt. and Mrs. Murrl Marvin, a son.



Pfc Roy Stanton is surely up in the clouds these days. He rushed back to the barracks last Sunday morning thinking it was Saturday and he had to apple polish for inspection.

Cpl. Joe (Trigger) Rogers is sporting a man sized cauliflower ear as result of turning in his tricycle for a two wheel bike. As Sgt. Bill May said, "He's a pretty little tyke for a bike."

There were several casualties in the chow-line the other morning when Pfc Dan Barton fried the eggs to order. Hot eggs on every plate was his motto and Sgt. Jim Overcast who has eaten them 57 different ways cold went out like a light from the shock.

Our enquiring reporter has established it for a fact that it was Cpl. Amideo Scali having cocktails with Hollywood's glamorous Gail Patrick at the Mark Hopkins the other evening. That old Reno cup hunter, Pvt. Grant Bowen, won low net in the AWVS golf tournament with an 18 handicap. Several of the boys think it's a matter to be taken up by the local gestapo.

No, that wasn't Lady MacBeth wandering around by candlelight in the barracks the other night. It was T-4 Mervin Shook taking bed check by flashlight. It is rumored T-5 "Ike" Icenhower hid the flashlight.

Pfc John Russell took a day pass recently to see if it's true what they say about 'Frisco, but now Pfc Herman Mulkey, Pfc Arnold Baldoch, Pfc Robert Eaton, Pvt. Henry Knaube and Pfc George Schultz tell him it's more fun at night—when the soda fountains are really crowded.

DARN EVEREADY

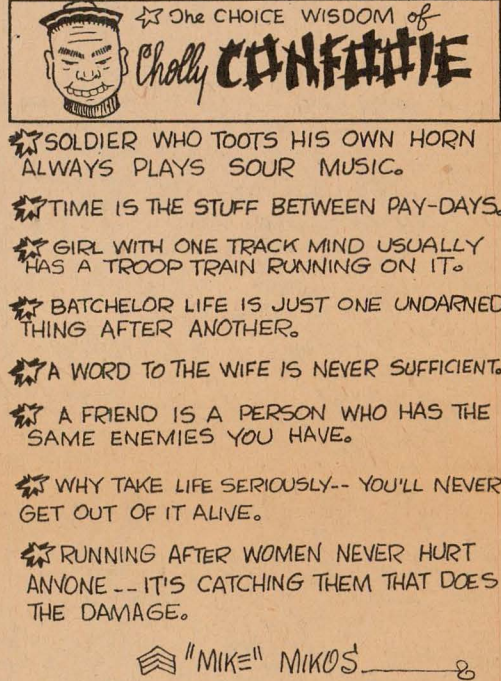
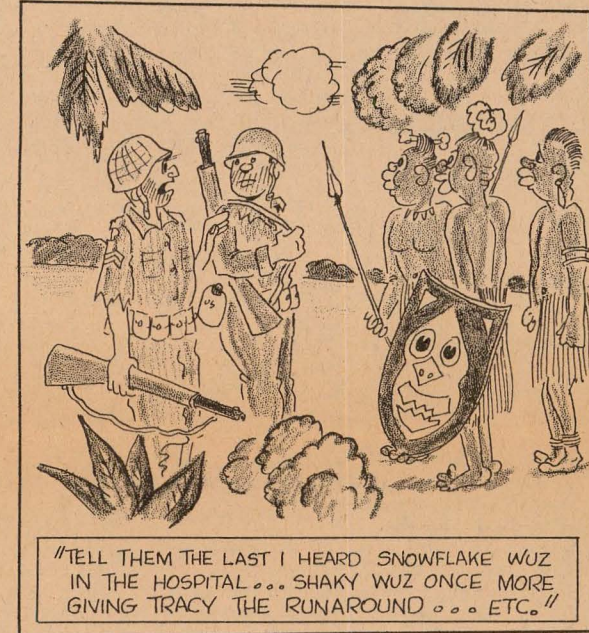
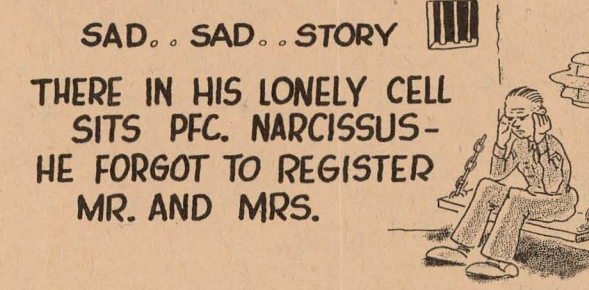
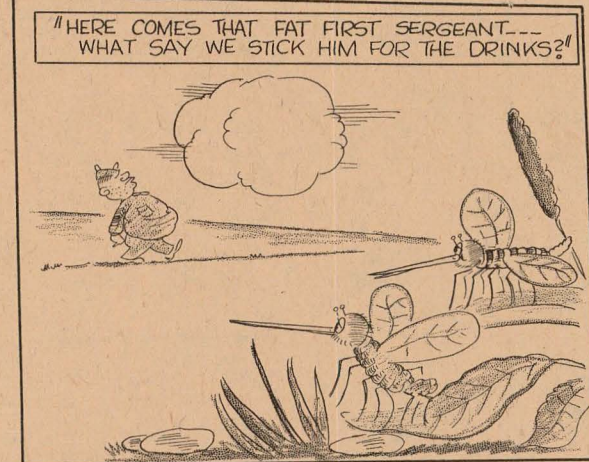
"A cautious girl," observes a local Wac, "is one who buys her boy friend a flashlight so he won't have to feel his way around in the dark."

Pfc Agnes Downing met a wolf at the door the other morning but she handled the situation with real southern tact. She is now known as



the only Pfc who ever walked through the noncom's door of the Baker Station dining room and lived to remember the day they called a master sergeant "honey-chile."

First Sgt. Mary Moscatello of the Baker Wacs has left for her home at Towanda, Pa., on an emergency furlough due to the death of her father. In her absence, 1st Sgt. Mabel LaFar has taken over with the able assistance of Pfc Martha Spangler who is pulling CQ. Cpl.



'B' LIONS  
By Cpl. Al Manmiller

Pvt. Edward (affectionately known as "Jughead") Aduskevich finally has broken the ice. His younger brother, who is in the Navy, visited him the other day and induced Edward to go all the way to San Francisco with him. Edward wasn't certain he could get a pass, but when he asked acting topkick Dick McGee about a seven hour job, McGee said, "You may have anything, my son, up to a 25-day furlough!"

But all Edward wanted was his seven-hour pass, so the battery decided to send a chaperon along with him because it was the first time that Aduskevich had gone on either

pass or furlough since his assignment at Btry. B about two years ago!

Frank (The Voice) Sinatra doesn't have anything on Pfc John (The Croak) Pieper when it comes to singing. The Croak certainly gives



out in the little house atop the hill. It's light opera for Mr. Pieper, though; none of Frankie's swooning type of lyric.

Lt. Mario Paolini suggested a great thing recently when it was decided to print a "GI annual" of the history of this battery. Committees have started work on the saga and everyone is sweating out its completion.

Pfc Edward Medina was rather anxious to leave on furlough recently. As a matter of fact, he was so flustered at the thought of getting to ride a fast, modern train that he turned in his excess baggage a day too soon. Then he had to lug it back again so that he would have a place to sleep. Something in New Mexico must be urging him to come home, but pronto... what is it, Ed—a bambino?

Some higher-up went Pfc-crazy the other day and the result is 27 new one-strippers in the outfit. Pfc Louie (Leaky) Yusko was reputedly the happiest GI in the battery when he heard about his big promotion, although Joe Flo has been sporting his chevron rather prominently, too. That extra four bucks will come in mighty handy for Flo.

'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX  
By T-5 John Woodall

What's a fellow to do when he finds himself in one place and his clothes in another? That was the predicament T-5 P. L. Cook found himself upon returning from the South Pacific where he took part in the invasions of Saipan and Tinian. His clothes were sent to Miami Beach, Fla., to await his arrival, but never arrived. After a short stay there Cook was sent to the Harbor Defenses. He would now appreciate a furlough to the warm climes of Florida to search for his luggage, and you can hardly blame him after getting a taste of San Francisco weather.

That grotesque object seen walking through the building the other day was not a mummy from the pages of some mystery thriller. It was only Sgt. Robert Tupper caught in the midst of a face pack having to answer the charge of quarters ring.

The usual boisterous greeting attended one at the casemate by Stubby, the canine pet, has been missing. She probably left with a broken heart after her master, Sgt. Jack Scharfenberg, moved back to the battery. Jack raised her from a pup and if Stubby happens to read this column and returns all will be forgiven.

The wand of fortune reached out and touched Sgt. Arthur Strohschein. Art returned to civilian life recently to lend his skill as a die cutter to the war effort. His affable personality will be missed around the battery.

Members of Battery 'A' who signed for study courses will be assured a quiet place where they can concentrate and work out their problems. Permission has been given to use one table in the mess hall as a place of study. So draw up your stools, boys, but don't count on any midnight snacks.



# Couture TKO's Foe for NCS Welterweight Title

## Scott Fighter Floors O'Day in Second Round



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### Pretty Fannie Cox Gets Good Start In 'Queen' Contest

Blood donors from all posts and stations in the Harbor Defenses of S. F. are voting for Pfc Fannie Cox, comely Ft. Baker Hospital Wac, who is expected to make an excellent showing in the Purple Heart Queen contest, sponsored by the S. F. Call-Bulletin.

To date, Private Cox has approximately 85 votes accredited to her, which places her at present about No. 8 out of the 41 contestants. Blood donors are supplied with voting cards when going to the Blood Bank which entitles them to one vote for a contestant.

The voting started last week and continues until March 1.



**AWAITING HER TURN** at the Blood Bank, Pfc Fannie Cox, Purple Heart Queen contestant, selected by The Golden Gate Guardian to represent these defenses in the blood donor contest, smiles for the cameraman with two of her admiring supporters from a HD mine planter.

command to make sure Pfc Fannie Cox comes out on top.

The blood donor campaign in these defenses is being handled by

The Golden Gate Guardian, assisted by Mrs. Mary Dee Andrews, Ft. Cronkhite Club hostess. Phone 3687 for appointment.

### Target Shattered by CA Gunners as General Watches

Completing his visit to the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco last month by observing North Bay installations in operation, Major Gen. H. Conger Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, witnessed a demonstration of fast and accurate firing by gunners of the 6th C.A. Bn.

The general's three word remark following the shoot, which he viewed from atop a high observation point, clearly indicated the prowess of the

seasoned gun crew.

"That's some shooting!" the general said.

The pyramidal target, travelling at approximately 22 knots, was peppered full of holes and shattered by the accurate shelling. It is estimated that approximately 20 hits were scored from 39 rounds fired.

Gun Commander T-4 Leonard Zeigler said that it was no unusual shoot for his crew and...

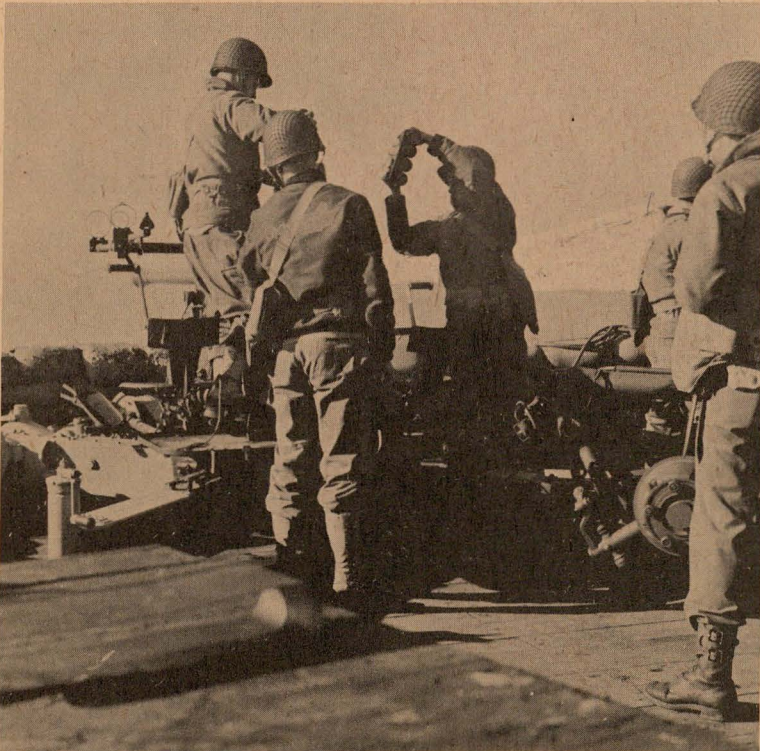
"When I saw we were on the tar-

get I just told the boys to pour it on. They did. That's all there was to it."

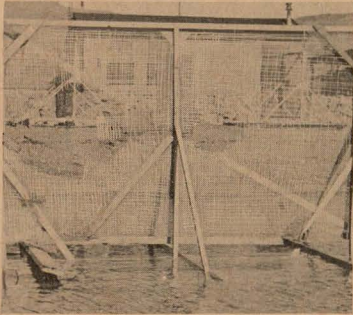
General Pratt visited every battery and many of the outlying stations in the North Bay, including one of the Harbor Defense mine planters. As in his South Bay visit the general paid particular attention to mess halls, dayrooms and sleeping quarters.

Small PX units in the various outlying areas also received the general's attention. He seemed particularly interested in finding out if the men had a plentiful supply of magazines, cigarets and toilet articles.

Accompanying General Pratt on his tour of inspection was Brig. Gen. Ralph E. Haines, Commanding General of the Northern California Sector and Col. William F. Lafrenz, Commanding Officer of the HDSF.



**PFC LEROY BRANCH** is shown about to load the gun that 'spoke' with authority last week during the visit of Major Gen. H. Conger Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command. Also shown here are T-4 Leonard Zeigler, chief of section; Cpl. Clarence Jenson, firer and loader; Cpl. Owen Arless, range setter, and Cpl. Allen King, gunner. (Photo by GGG.)



**GAPING HOLES** in the target attests to 'That's some shooting!'

### Sunday Services Have Girl Choir

For many months sacred hymns sung at the Scott and Baker Catholic Sunday Services have been the voluntary contribution of the Girl's Choir of the National Catholic Community Service.

This is the same organization that maintains the spacious Service Men's Center at 70 Oak Street, off Market and Van Ness.

### Watch It, Bub

Fair warning has been issued throughout the military area to uniformed personnel by higher headquarters about that important GI bugaboo, Military Courtesy.

Officers are circulating throughout the command to spot check olive drabers who are careless in coming up with the prescribed high ball, and fail to offer such other snap as required by the AR's.

The general punishment being meted out to erring soldiers is a week's restriction for the first offense, but depends largely on unit commanders.

### Gen. Takes Peek At Bull Session

While a bull session between leaders of HDSF discussion groups waxed hot at Ft. Baker last week, headed by Pvt. Edward Wells of the Information-Education office, a few unexpected visitors walked in to take a gander at the proceedings.

One was Brig. Gen. John Davis, Deputy Director of the I & E Division, ASF, who, before the briefing session was over, added a few notes to the proceedings.

The general expressed his satisfaction in the way the discussion material was being aired by these leaders and assured Private Wells that his methods of presenting the subject matter was most interesting.

Among the topics "briefed" were: Class attendance, subjects that evoked the most discussion, best procedure to use in the class and how to curb an off-topic conversation.

General Davis was accompanied to the bull session by Lt. Col. R. M. Winsborough, Chief of Field Service, I & E and Col. Kenneth E. Rowntree, Executive Officer of the HDSF.

### Paralysis Fund Collection Big

Although all counts are not in on the March of Dimes collection which was completed in the command yesterday, every indication points to a record 'take.'

Every organization had its own collection box at the pay table yesterday and many report a 100 per cent participation by battery and company personnel.

Collection boxes were also set up at PX's, theatres and service clubs, each one yielding a notable amount to the cause. The money collected is to be used to benefit those stricken with infantile paralysis.

The HD Officers' Club held its annual President's Birthday Party dance last Sat., which accounted for quite a few dollars to the fund. The Fort Scott Sunday School class contributed \$20 for children less fortunate than themselves.

Final gloved "touches" capably applied by HDSF's own welterbelter, Pfc Al Couture, to Pvt. Al O'Day, Camp Beale battler, sparked the concluding tourney session in the Ninth Service Command boxing finals, Jan. 20 at Camp Beale, Calif.

Victorious Couture added the O'Day scalp to his TKO collection after 1 minute 46 seconds of solid punching in the second stanza.

The victory had its just rewards. Along with the distinctions surrounding the Ninth Service Command welterweight title, Couture received a handsome trophy and a War Savings Bond. Presentations were made by Beale commandant, Brig. Gen. Oscar B. Abbott.

### Trip Hammer Hits

Couture's rapid attention to the business on hand proved an important factor in his success over O'Day, the Third Service Command champion in '44. The first canto found busy Al faying and countering with effective punches to the head. Although on the defensive, the Beale opponent tallied some with a trusty left. A continued tatoo on the facial features found Couture drawing a crimson rivulet from O'Day's nose, as the bell sounded.

Continuing his telling campaign in the second, Couture shifted his attack to the mid-section. It was a greased lightning of a right to the stomach that convinced O'Day. Backing away in a buckle-crouch and unable to catch his full breath,

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### New AMPS 'Mate' Gayly Received

New arrival at one of the mine planters has several 'firsts' to his credit.

He is the first GI bozo on an Army mine planter to have the title of Fourth Mate.

He is the first known mariner never to have been perturbed by heavy seas; he's never been seasick.

He is the first Army-Navy man never to have lost his head under any condition.

This great salt is the Charley McCarthy of 2nd Mate Robert Allen, who devised the nautical creature with paper mache, chunks of wood, pieces of wire—and unserviceable parts of a buoy.

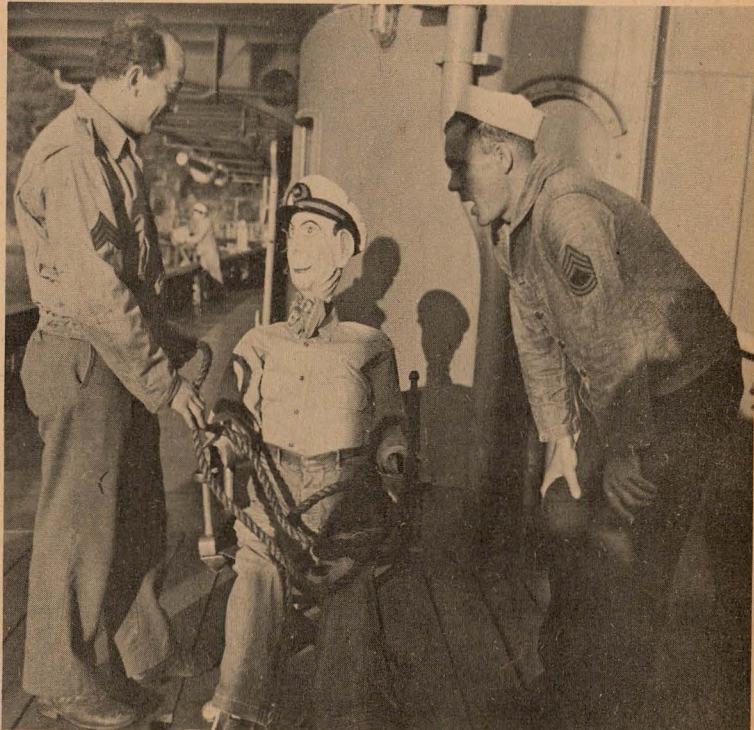
"The 4th Mate has made very few remarks since coming aboard," Allen says.

One of the first quotes attributed to the nautical character is: "Man and bouy I've been around these parts for many months."

Mr. 2nd Mate Allen goes on to say that Mr. 4th Mate is the "best night mate we have."

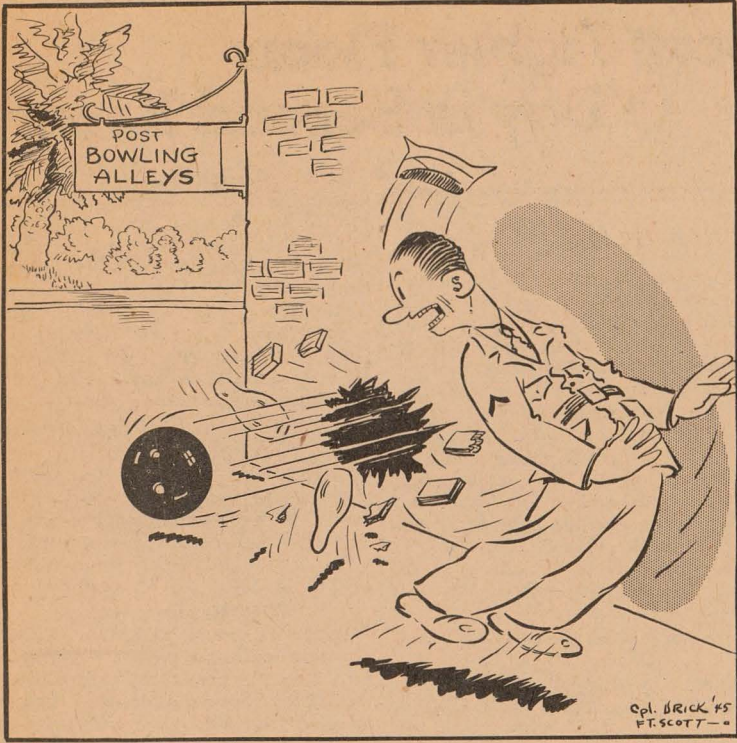
The new comer's most appreciative character was recently noted when members of the crew selected him as their trouble shooter. He gives every indication of sympathizing with EM who have gripes, and though silent on most matters, they know he does something about it.

The 4th Mate is one man aboard ship who is unafraid of the skipper.



**BACK TALK**—Though T/Sgt. Joe O'Connell of the CAMPS crew shows utter disrespect for his 'superior' by barking in his ear, new '4th Mate' of the mine planter gives him no notice whatsoever, being busily engaged in teaching Sgt. Joe Roselli, the 'ropes.'





Yank Stuff

Direct battlefield reports have painted a picture of the Jap and Nazi soldier. Both enemies are said to be formidable, powerful and tricky.

But how do we, the average Yanks, measure up in the eyes of the enemy?

At the beginning we had the reputation of being softies. When the Japs struck their might at the outposts of our citadel we were outnumbered and unprepared to cope with the steel might pounding at the front gates.

The Japs slaughtered and debauched at will.

Then the toothsome Nips met up with a bunch of draftees from the big cities and hamlets, each carrying a firearm, a couple of cans of chow, some ammunition—and a backbone. Through the steaming jungles, across the sharp rocks or atolls, up the icy slopes of mountains the Jap fighter tasted “Amelican” lead.

Many of the sons of heaven died. Those that were left began to wonder about the well fed, well clothed ‘softies’ that were giving them hell on land, in the air and on the sea.

Hitler’s legions always screamed about their ‘sooper-sooper man’ and his ‘blitz’ methods and unconquerable might. This was their show. They were taking all curtain calls and playing the part as they saw fit.

Fearing no one—not even the American who gave him a good spanking 20 years ago—the German troops tried to and succeeded in outdoing their Axis partner in bringing misery and untold cruelty to millions of innocent humans.

They stopped grinning about the “democratic dump-kauf” when their pride and joy, Rommel, was chased out of North Africa. They became panicky when Eisenhower and a few of his countrymen landed in fortress Europe on June 6, 1944. They are now convinced that there is something very special about the guy who fights for the Stars and Stripes.

And it isn’t only his superior equipment and inexhaustible supply of materials that flow to him wherever he may be fighting that has stumped the “experts.”

This is what the enemy had to learn—the hard way:

**The man that faces him on the battlefield has ingenuity and initiative and spirit. He does not fight with the fanaticism so typical of the Nips, nor does he defy the rules of common sense while engaged in pitched battle as does the German.**

When there is cover the Yank heads for it. He has trained hard and fights hard and fast, but intelligently. He’s a good marksman and operates some of the best artillery ever set up on a battle field.

His ace in the hole, however, is the spirit he possesses. The Yank hates oppression and he hates anyone that attempts to encroach upon his rights and the rights of others.

The Japanazis found out about the Yank, but too late.

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Know Your Leaders

Admiral Raymond A. Spruance  
'Sprue' of the Pacific

By Pvt. Edward Wells

Five year old Raymond Spruance got his first introduction to deep water when he fell into his father's well, and was fished out by the family hired girl, one Mary Farley.

Current happenings in the Pacific might have been different if this forgotten heroine had not acted so promptly. History owes her a big debt indeed.

Other than this episode, the early life of Admiral Spruance is the story of a model child. He was born in Baltimore 58 years ago, but was soon taken to Indianapolis. His parents were not prosperous, so that when his brother appeared on the scene he was sent to New Jersey to be reared by his grandparents, and later, three maiden aunts.

Land Lubber

When he was ready for high school he returned to the Hoosier capital; he is recalled by former teachers as a quiet and diligent pupil. His only sport was walking, and his hobby stamp collecting.

At 17 he won an appointment to Annapolis where he was known as Sprue. This uncommonly sober, silent and poker-faced plebe finished high in his class, but did get very seasick on summer cruises. Walking still remained his physical diversion.

Ensign Spruance was elected to study electrical engineering at Schneckstad, N. Y. His next tour of duty was with the fleet in its famous world tour in 1907. The destroyer Bainbridge was his first command.

Margie Led to Fame

In 1914 he married a pretty girl named Margaret Dean, and started to walk up the road that leads to fame. During the next 20 years he studied fire control in Europe, joined the Naval Bureau of Engineering, and taught in the Naval War College. By 1939 he had spent 14 of 32 years ashore except for one interval as skipper of the battle wagon Mississippi. While on this ship he showed his solid engineering background, and got the best out of his crew. He ran what the Navy calls "a taut ship"—everything was spic and span, and every sailor got plenty of drill at his station.

Admiral Spruance constantly trained himself for war, and was ready for the bigger tasks when the Japs struck at Pearl Harbor. He well knew the gravity of the situation.

The Truth

His son, Lt. Commander Edward Spruance, breezed into his father's office shortly after Pearl Harbor, boasting, "We'll blast the Japs out of the Pacific in a week, etc., etc."



Quietly his father unrolled some maps and lectured to his son, so that when he left the office he was a deflated but better informed officer. Edward Spruance now commands a submarine in the Pacific.

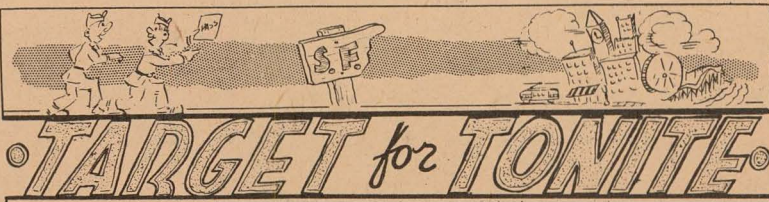
Before the first year of war ended Raymond Spruance was made Rear Admiral. His first victory was at Midway, the importance of which we all well know. His chief, Admiral Nimitz, said, "Nothing you can say about Spruance would be praise enough." With Nimitz for the next few months, the new admiral helped map out the Pacific strategy that is paying such big dividends today. As commander of the Central Pacific Fleet, now known as the Fifth Fleet, he covered the landings at Kwajalein, Makin and Tarawa, and was the key figure in last summer's conquest of Saipan.

Youngest Admiral

His reward for these great services is the distinction at 58 of being Uncle Sam's youngest admiral.

Admiral Spruance is now a Californian. In 1943 he moved his family to Monrovia. Some day he will finish the job out there in the Pacific, and have some well-earned time to walk his daily turn of eight to 10 miles, or listen to his favorite recordings.

Right now this compact, graying, tight lipped fighter has little time for pleasure or interviews. Those who have reported him to the public agree that he might be characterized as a younger edition of Admiral King, or a real life personification of Horatio Hornblower who likewise was a long-nosed steely eyed fighter who figured things out while pacing his quarterdeck, and did not waste words if there was a job to be done.



Terpsichorean enthusiasts are looking forward to the opening of the Russian Ballet this evening with the San Francisco Symphony at the War Memorial Opera House. Performances start promptly at 2030 and will continue through Sun. eve., Feb. 11. Beautiful Tamara Toumanova will be the premier "Twinkle-toes."

Stage Door Canteen, the G.I.'s Billy Rose, 430 Mason at Geary, and open from 1800 to 2400 daily will offer some stellar attractions during the next fortnight. Duke Ellington and his orchestra and Sophie Tucker, the last of the Red-Hot Mama's still going strong, will be among the many who will have something for the boys.

EM who are looking forward to visits from wives, sisters or sweethearts who journey from out of town should familiarize themselves with the policy and facilities of the Clubhouse for Enlisted Men's Wives, 529 Powell St., open daily from 1000 to 2200.

The A.W.V.S. Information Center, 845 Market Street (GA. 2292) is the answer to any questions service men and women and their families might have concerning problems which face them in a strange city.

If you don't know what to do with your evenings and find that wasting your time doesn't pay hunt up the G.I. Job Center at the Bay Bridge Terminal and you will be furnished with all necessary information.

Cinema addicts can thank their lucky stars they can watch their favorite stars at the Post Theatre

General's Article  
Used in Discussion

Major discussion topic selected by the Harbor Defense I & E office for this week is based on an article written by Brig. Gen. W. H. Wilbur, Chief of Staff of the Western Defense Command, a former infantryman, that appeared in the Nov. 1944 issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

"Infantrymen—The Fighters of War" was based mostly upon General Wilbur's experience with the doughboy that has fought through steaming jungles and over some of the toughest terrain in the world on foot.

where a comfortable seat for 15 cents and a bag of popcorn at its crispiest for a nickle are but heady compliments to first run features.

Tomorrow and Sat. Frederic March and Betty Field tell it to the Nazis in, "Tomorrow the World." Rosalind Russell and Jack Carson get a little tough about it in "Roughly Speaking" (Sun. and Mon.), while the local Navy Det. will come into its own on Wed. and Thurs. when "This Man's Navy" with Wallace Beery and Jimmy Gleason reels forth.

From Broadway to San Francisco's gay white way are the coming objects of our stage affections: Billy Rose's production of "Carmen Jones," Paul Robeson in "Othello" and Helen Hayes in "Harriet."



OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE—Before the blood soaked earth on Saipan admitted the footprints of freedom to be indelibly printed there, word came to this bastion that one, 1st Sgt. Oliver Plumb, former coast artilleryman from Forts Scott, Funston, Barry and Cronkhite, was killed while leading his battery of mobile artillery against a well entrenched enemy.

Oliver Plumb. The name makes backbones stand up straight . . . chins stick out . . . jaws set firm . . . eyes snap to the front. Oliver Plumb was one of the classiest soldiers ever to mark cadence within these fortifications.

When we first saw Sgt. Plumb he was at Fort Funston drilling recruits. Not tall and looking fairly slight, the sergeant belied his great muscular strength. His deeply tanned face . . . sharp features . . . piercing blue eyes . . . illuminated a stout heart.

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When Sergeant Plumb gave an order before the battery it was as if a crank turned all heads and bodies in one direction at the same split second. His voice, not loud, nevertheless snapped and cracked like a whip.

Dressed in Class "A" uniform he outshone everybody—and this included other old timers with hash marks to their Adam's apple.

To the newcomers he would say that his buttons were gold plated (well, maybe they were) and that his shoes were specially prepared with a gleaming substance of his own making. Later he confessed he used Lincoln high gloss and a substantial requisition of "elbow grease."

Legendary

What was his age? No one knew. His past? Most of it was legend. What they did know was that Plumb was a former semi-pro baseball pitcher and was farmed out to the major leagues one year. Before entering the Army he was a contender for the lightweight boxing crown of the world.

Soon after the war broke out Sergeant Oliver Plumb was made first sergeant of a battery on Rodeo Hill. Upon leaving the battery he virtually dropped from the Harbor Defense scene.

He was next heard of when he transferred to an MP outfit as a corporal; soon after he took over as first sergeant. Requesting transfer to a field artillery outfit he became top-kick of a mobile battery of Long Toms.

A Hero

When the outfit went overseas tough, vitriolic Sergeant Plumb led them, not only in battle administration, but right out on the battlefield. Reports indicate he was cited for heroic action several times.

Oliver Plumb's long and useful service record may never come into public view, but a reflection of his soldierly manner will always live in those that have served under him.

New Art Contest  
Give Local Talent  
Gander at Fame

National fame for soldiers at Ft. Scott and Sub-posts who excell in the arts, namely painting, sculptoring, photography and graphic art—has been made possible through the Army Arts Contest, which is now in progress.

Military installations throughout the United States are participating in the contest and talented officers and enlisted personnel throughout this command are urged to submit works suitable for the contest. The Post Special Service office at Ft. Scott is handling all entries from the Harbor Defenses.

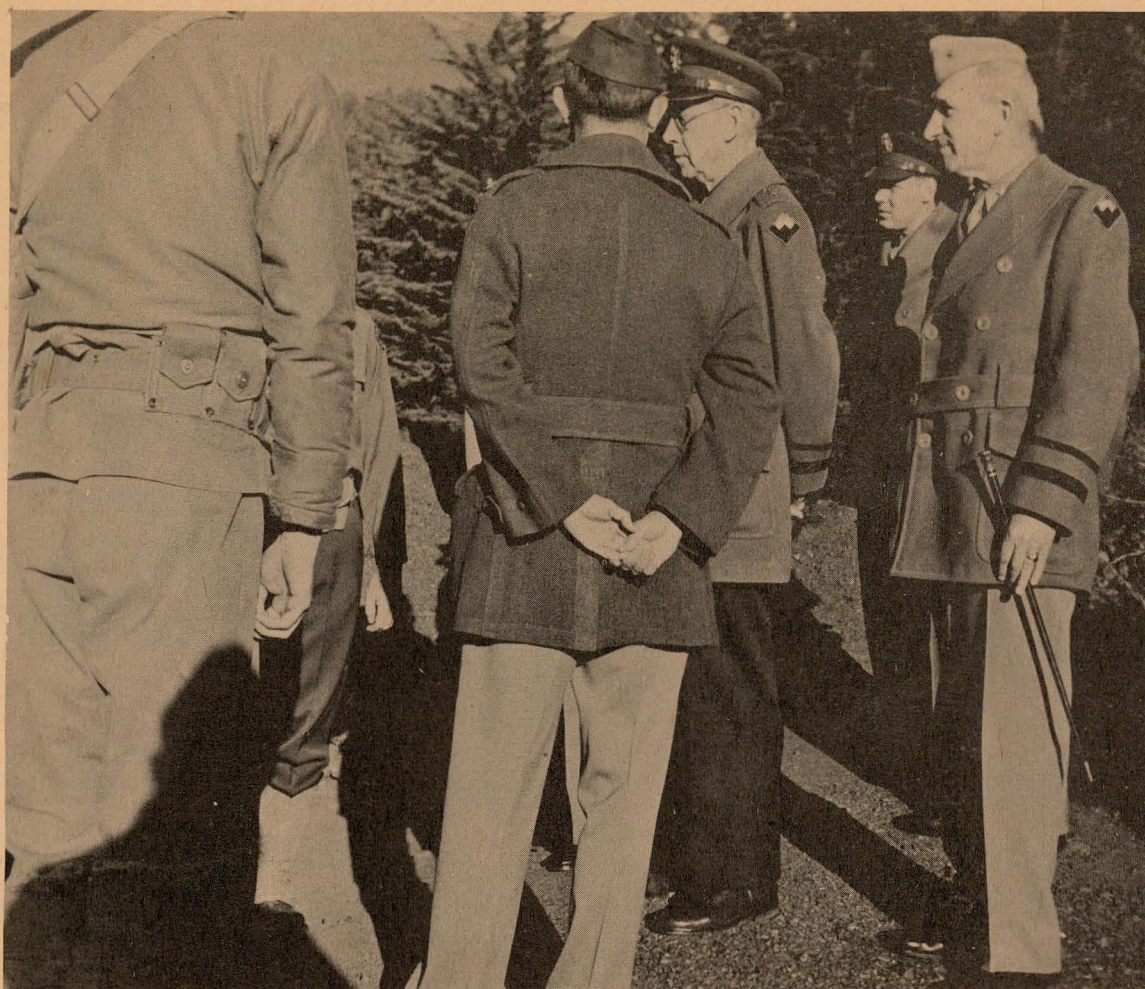
Finals in Capital

Those selected as representing the best within the defenses will be forwarded to the Ninth Service Command where a similar contest and exhibition will be held to determine the art work that will be forwarded to Washington, D. C. for the finals.

The Army Arts Contest is being held in three groups made up of eight classes. Limitations on size must be adhered to for ease in handling and exhibiting. The winning art will be on exhibit at the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Application blanks and detailed information may be obtained at the Special Service Office, Service Club building, Ft. Scott, or The Golden Gate Guardian office in the same building. Phone 3644 or 3687.



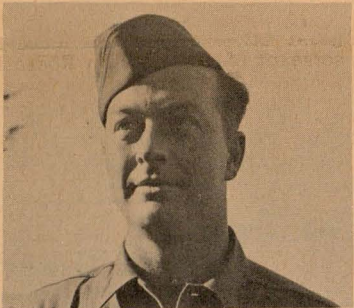


**GENERAL VIEW**—Major Gen. H. Conger Pratt looks over a tactical situation at Battery Kirby. To the far right is Brig. Gen. Ralph E. Haines. (Photo by GGG.)  
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—Photos by GGG

What particular weakness has the enemy demonstrated when encountered on the ground or in the air?



**S/Sgt. George Roome, Battery Land**  
(Sergeant Roome spent 41 months in the South Pacific and saw action at Bougainville and throughout the Solomons campaign.)

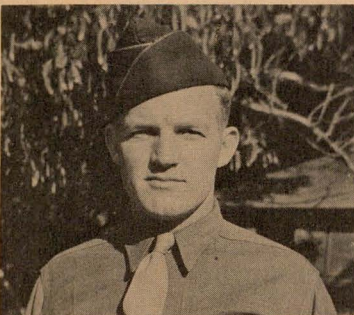
I never knew the Jap had weaknesses. He's a mighty tough fellow to kill.



**Pfc Edward Cohen, A-HDSF**

(Private Cohen spent 23 months in the African-European Theatre with an AA outfit.)

You just can't think of the enemy being weak, but we noticed that the Nazi flyers do not change their tactics very often. This may be why our regiment accounting for almost a score of plane.



**Sgt. Harold Larson, Battery Baker**  
(Sergeant Larson spent 28 months in the African-European Theatre with an AA outfit.)

Jerry pilots showed a particular weakness by shying away from flak,

thereby falling short of their intended targets. The German soldier holding occupied territory has very weak morale and gives up at the first opportunity.

I would like to tell readers of The Golden Gate Guardian that the British soldier is about the finest in the world. We lived together and fought together. They live like gentlemen and fight like trojans.

Another Yankee fighter who deserves glory is the Japanese soldier of Hawaiian stock. If it wouldn't have been for these small, rugged soldiers we may still have been fighting our way out of Anzio.



**S/Sgt. Charles Hatfield, Battery Land**

(Sergeant Hatfield spent 33 months in the Southwest Pacific. See Jan. 6 issue GGG. He has volunteered for another overseas assignment.)

Japs lack the initiative so essential in winning battles.



**Sgt. Anthony Familgetti, Battery Baker**

(Sergeant Familgetti spent 33 months in the Southwest Pacific with an AA outfit.)

The Jap is not quite as brave as he is pictured to be. He is shrewd and sneaky but will give up in a tight spot.

In my mind the Aussie soldier is the toughest, roughest and best jungle fighter in the world. We received our jungle training from them which didn't do the Japs any good.

#### HOLY SCRIPTURES GIFT TO SOLDIERS

Distribution of 581,660 books of Holy Scriptures at Army Service Forces installations in the United States has been made by Army Chaplains in the past 40 months, the Ninth Service Command Chaplain said today.

#### HOT PHONE CALL

"Hell, yes," said the Devil, picking up the phone.

#### Discharged Vets May Acquire Land

Veterans of this war who have adopted "Don't Fence Me In" for their post war theme song may be interested to know that there is plenty of room for them under the U. S. Government Homestead Laws.

Here is an opportunity for modern pioneers to acquire unsettled public land in the States and Alaska. Entries made after receiving an honorable discharge, following at least 90 days service, will be credited with an equivalent of residence and cultivation upon the land commensurate with the period of service up to two years.

Veterans discharged because of wounds or disability incurred in line of duty will be given two years credit regardless of length of service. Thus the three-year period of residence before receiving title may be shortened considerably.

Consult the Personal Affairs officer for further information.

#### DAFFYNITION:

Quicksilver—what the Lone Ranger says when he's in a hurry.

#### LUCKY ADULTS

Juvenile delinquency is when children act like their parents.

## Invasion Excitement Meant Women, Wine and Song to Ack-Ack Soldier

By Sgt. Thomas Crooks

Cosmopolitan combat man are the words which best describe Pvt. John Gonda, ex-engineer of Hazleton, Pa., and now attached to Hq-HDSF.

This peripatetic private has been fogged and grogged in Scotland, conversed with King George and Queen Elizabeth in England, kissed the Blarney Stone in Ireland, climbed mountains in Corsica, got lost in the Coliseum and listened to Pagliacci served up real Italian style at the San Carlo Opera House in Naples.

However, as everyone knows all play and no "D-Days" makes John a dull soldier and any guy with an AA outfit travelling in an LCI that hits a sand bar at 0300 Sicilian Invasion Time certainly has to keep his wits about him. John said that one of the fellows hopped out of the craft with full field pack in nine feet of water. He didn't come up.

#### No Picnic

"Those first three days of the initial landing and assault were packed with action, terror and suspense for everyone. We were stuck in the sand an hour before they finally got the craft clear and ashore. The Jerries were throwing their artillery at us and it looked for awhile as if we might come in a wave—feet first."

After they did land, around 0400, the boys practically foxholed their way to their objective which was a cross road about a mile away where they set up their 50 calibers. The next day when they were guarding an ammunition supply dump two formations of "Ju-88's" came over in formations of 18 each.



**FROM KISSING** the Blarney Stone in Ireland to missing Jerry shells on the D-Day shores of Sicily is enough to make Pvt. John Gonda, Hq-HDSF, look quizzically at life.

They didn't hit the dump.

Private Gonda tells of one evening in Sicily when the enemy was sending smoke shells over at a great rate. One of the boys who was still green and a rookie to

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## Income Tax Time

### Mages, South Bay; Coon, Piercez, North Bay Assist

It's Income-Tax-Filing-Out-Forms time again.

Though it gets simpler each year (especially for Sir GI) to scramble through the 'therefores' and 'because's' of the tax forms, the SSO offices have wrangled the services of a few income tax specialists in uniform to assist those that may have trouble in fathoming the deal out.

In the South Bay Area T-5 Sam Mages, A-173d, is available every Tues. (all day) at the Ft. Scott Service Club (Bldg. T-26), Thurs. at the Ft. Funston Service Club and Fri. at the Ft. Miley Service Club. Sam, a Chicago attorney for four years, has the forms, the detailed info and the patience to deal with any tax problem, military or civilian.

"Military personnel with an income less than \$1500 are exempt from income tax," Corporal Mages reports.

"Any soldier with an income over \$2,000 must file a return. Money earned at off-duty jobs—more than \$100, less than \$500—should file for a refund from withholding tax on what is known as Form W-2."

Mages made it clear that those entitled to withholding tax must file a return if they are to receive the money coming to them. Deadline for filing is March 15, 1945.

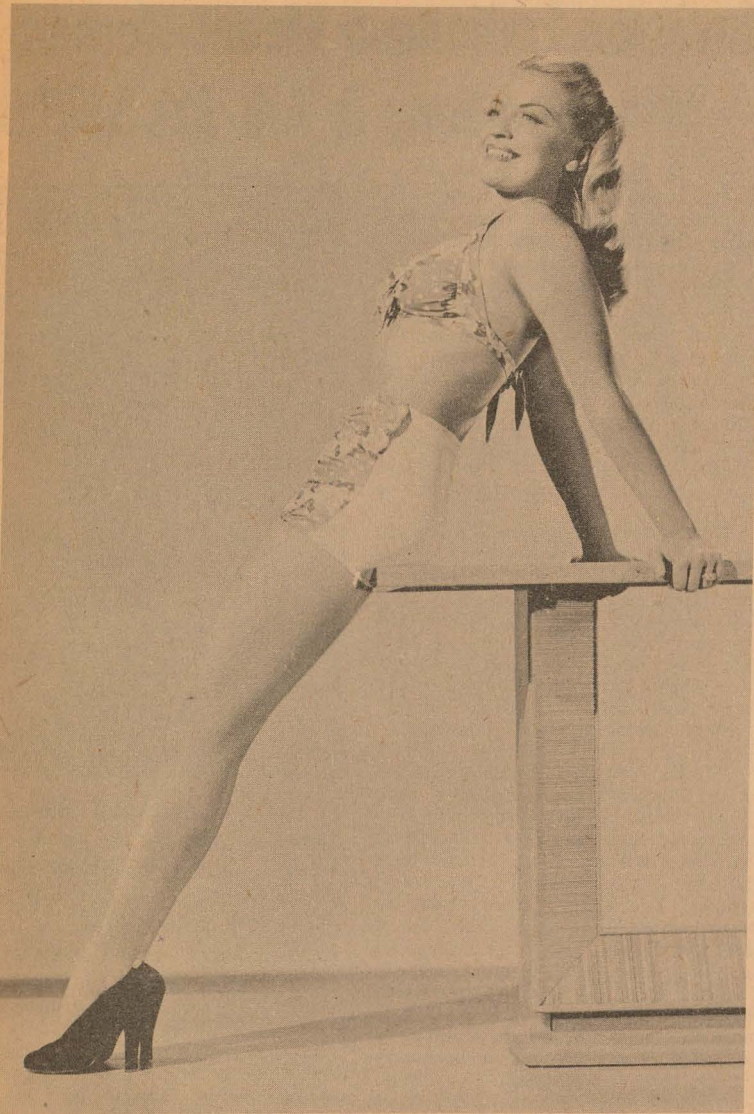
The North Bay area boasts of two income tax specialists, Sgt. George Coon, overseas veteran, former president of a chamber of commerce and income tax specialist; Pvt. Lawrence Peirez, trial attorney in Queens, New York City for four years.

The tax men are available at Post Hq., Ft. Baker Mon. through Fri.; Ft. Barry Theatre, Mon. and Thurs.; Mendell Service Club, Tues. and Fri.; Cronkhite Service Club, Wed. and Sat. Phone Baker 4 for additional information.



**EARLY INCOME TAX** returns are expected from Sgt. Howard Deutsch, A-173d (holding tax form), and Sgt. Fred Lang, C-172d, who are being assisted in making it come out 'right' by T-5 Sam Mages, the income tax specialist for the South Bay area. (Photo by GGG.)





**DRAW UP A CHAIR AND HAVE A LOOK, GENTS—It's Jean Trent, Universal star who made such a figuresome showing in Walter Wanger's "Here Come the Co-Eds."**



**Ensign James Butts**



**Cpl. Mary Butts**



**Francis Butts, EM 1/c**

## Double Duty in the Service

### Dependents Return At Army Expense

Families of Army men who have been officially reported as injured, dead, missing, interned, or captured and who have moved away from their home community for war reasons may move back at government expense if they so desire, according to the Personal Affairs officer.

Applications should be filed within a year after end of the war and must be made to the Chief of Transportation in Washington through the local Army Transportation Officer.

### More on ... Pvt. Gonda

combat saw the volumes of smoke issuing forth and hollered, "G-A-S!"

#### Hells Bells

"That word sounded forth like a summons on the devil's own trumpet. We made a mad scramble for the gas masks that weren't there and I almost began to think I detected a peculiar odor and was probably tagged for a gassed duck. "Fortunately the story has a happy ending and after the first flurry of panic subsided everyone had a good laugh. There was a lot of jolly joshing while several fellows tried to explain how they got their pants so wet on such dry land."

John not only had an eye for the enemy but eye eye eyes for the girls and according to 30 months unbiased overseas opinion the majority of Italian girls are nice girls that speak good English. When asked about the girls who spoke bad English Johnny had the good manners to blush.

"As far as the wine is concerned there was an abundance and I certainly enjoyed my share until I discovered the peculiar color of the Italian kids legs came from grape stains caused by their hopping up and down on the mash. Everytime thereafter I had a glass I couldn't help wondering which pair of feet had danced in this.

"Most of the cognac would have required gasoline coupons in the states. It was half whiskey and half gas. The fellows called it "Stop and Go" because after a couple of shots a guy was apt to.

Veteran Gonda returned to the states in December of '44 after hitting Scotland, Ireland, England, Africa, Sicily, Italy and Corsica. He wears three battle stars for the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns and has a brother August who won the purple heart serving with the combat engineers in New Guinea.

His greatest ambition is modest but understandable—it is to be able to keep his feet on the ground—particularly American ground—and not have to dodge any more bombs for the rest of his life.

## Hospital Wac Has Navy Son

While her son, Francis, is seeing action in the Southwest Pacific with an amphibious crew, Cpl. Mary Butts, assistant dietician at the Ft. Baker Hospital, is performing her job in the same creditable manner.

Another son, James, an ensign in the Navy, lost his life when his ship was torpedoed off the coast of South America shortly after the start of hostilities.

During the last war, Lt. Wendell Butts, Corporal Butts' husband, served with a combat engineer contingent and later was employed as a consulting engineer in the Philippines. In 1923 the Butts family moved to Japan where Mr. Butts became consulting engineer for the imperial government of Japan in charge of designing earthquake proof buildings.

When Wendell Butts passed away, almost 15 years ago, Corporal Butts took up a special course in nutrition and industrial management at Columbia University. With this new found profession she found employment and supported her children.

In memory of her husband who lies buried in the Presidio National Cemetery and a son who rests in the waters of the Atlantic, Corporal Butts continues to do her part in bringing the lasting peace her husband and sons strived for.

### Vets Get Jobs Back in 'Grade'

Don't worry about getting back from the war too late to apply for your old job.

The Selective Training and Service Act has been amended to extend the period in which you have the right to apply for the old job from 40 to 90 days after discharge.

Veterans are to be reinstated in jobs the same or of like seniority which they held at the time of their induction. Responsibilities of the government and private employer are similar with the exception that the latter will not be compelled to re-employ where his circumstances have changed to the point where it is impossible for him to do so.

## Son of BC Gets Battle Honor

For distinguishing himself on the fields of battle, Lt. Samuel Oviatt, 21 year old son of Capt. Wells Oviatt, BC of Battery Mills, was awarded the Certificate of Merit recently, according to a press release from General Patton's 10th Armored Division.

Upon graduation from Camp Davis OCS in Nov. '43, Lieutenant Oviatt was transferred to the Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Va., and eventually assigned to the 10th Armored Division. He received his initial taste of action in France last September.

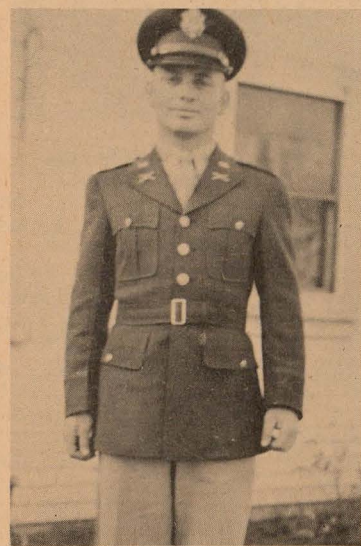
The Oviatts have seen action in every American war starting with the Revolutionary War, according to Captain Oviatt, except the Spanish-American War.

"When we got into the Spanish fight my father was too old to fight, I was too young.

"During the Civil War my dad and grandad accompanied General Sherman on his famous March to the Sea," Captain Oviatt said.

Captain Oviatt's two other sons are in the Army too. Sgt. William Oviatt, 32 years old, was with an infantry unit on Dutch Harbor when he was injured. He is now with a medic detachment.

Pvt. Wells Oviatt, Jr., 24, is with an infantry unit awaiting overseas orders.



**LT. SAMUEL OVIATT**

### 'Y' ENTERTAINMENT

Today the Presidio Army 'Y' brings movie entertainment to Battery Baker and Battery Covello.

Movies will also be shown by the 'Y' tomorrow to Batteries Land, Kirby and Diablo. Kirby gets a repeat showing Sat.

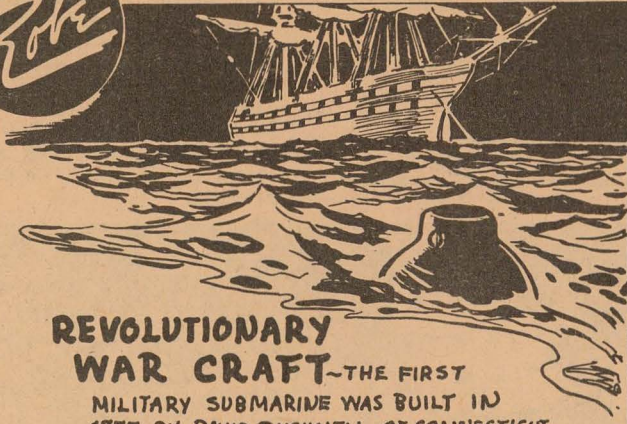
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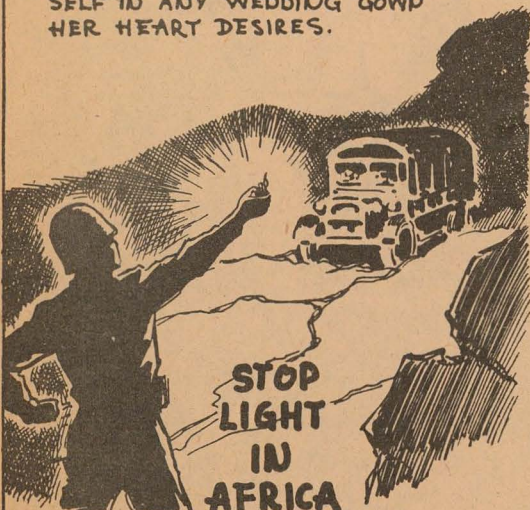
### DOUBLE STANDARD

ALTHOUGH THE ARMY REQUIRES GI JOE TO WEAR HIS UNIFORM WHEN GETTING MARRIED, IT PERMITS GI JANE (WAC) TO BEDECK HERSELF IN ANY WEDDING GOWN HER HEART DESIRES.



### REVOLUTIONARY WAR CRAFT—THE FIRST

MILITARY SUBMARINE WAS BUILT IN 1777 BY DAVID BUSHNELL OF CONNECTICUT. JUST LARGE ENOUGH FOR THE OPERATOR, THE "AMERICAN TURTLE" HAD AN OAR ON ONE END FOR ROWING FORWARD AND BACKWARD, AND AN OAR ON THE OTHER END FOR STEERING. IT "ALMOST" SANK A BRITISH SHIP IN NEW YORK DURING THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.



### STOP LIGHT IN AFRICA

ARMY ENGINEERS WORKING IN THE FIELD AT NIGHT, STRIKE THEIR ROUSON CIGARETTE LIGHTERS IN ORDER TO AVOID BEING RUN DOWN IN THE DARK BY THEIR OWN TANKS AND ARMORED CARS.



### MILITARY TACTICS—BIBLICAL STYLE

THE CITY OF JERICO WAS CAPTURED WHEN JOSHUA ORDERED 7 PRIESTS TO BLOW 7 TRUMPETS FOR 7 DAYS.—AFTER THE LAST, LONG BLAST WAS SOUNDED, THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN AND JOSHUA'S ARMY MARCHED IN AND TOOK OVER.



## Hospital Doings

### High Sierra Travel Talk Set Tomorrow

Dr. W. H. Austin, president of the Marin Junior College and of the San Anselmo Rotarians, will lecture to patients and permanent party members of the Ft. Baker hospital tomorrow afternoon at 1430 in the recreation hall on the subject "High Sierra."

Dr. Austin is also scheduled to show color films of his trips into the Sierra Nevadas.

Highlight of the two-week rec hall entertainment series was the presentation of "The Shepherd in the Distance," a seven-scene pantomime, but the Little Theatre players of the Tamalpais High School, Mon., Jan. 22. The group was directed by Julia Dupont Dempster.

Mrs. Walter Cornwell of Ft. Scott provided plenty of merriment last night with her puppet show, and the day before patients guffawed at the USO show, "Monkey Shines." The San Francisco Musical Association, in conjunction with the Presidio Y, presented Singing Strings, a musical string group, Sun. evening, Jan. 28.

#### Ha-Ha-Ha

Fun and Stunt Nights have been a lot of fun, according to Mrs. Josephine Abercrombie, Red Cross aide in charge, and tonight another session is slated with coeds from Marin Jaycee coming in to help out with the games.

A pinocle and bridge tournament on Jan. 24 was held to round out the 14 days of patient activity. Several special birthday parties were held in the wards for soldiers unable to leave their sacks, with the Gray Ladies of the Red Cross turning in a lot of extra work.

## Canine Vets May Soon Come Home

"Lassie, come home!" is the call of many doglovers today, for some 300 war-dogs declared surplus by the Army QM will be returned to their owners or sold.

Lt. J. J. Gruenebaum, NSC K-9 Corps officer, declared that these dogs will be offered for sale only in the event original owners are unable to care for them. Prices will range from \$15 to \$20.

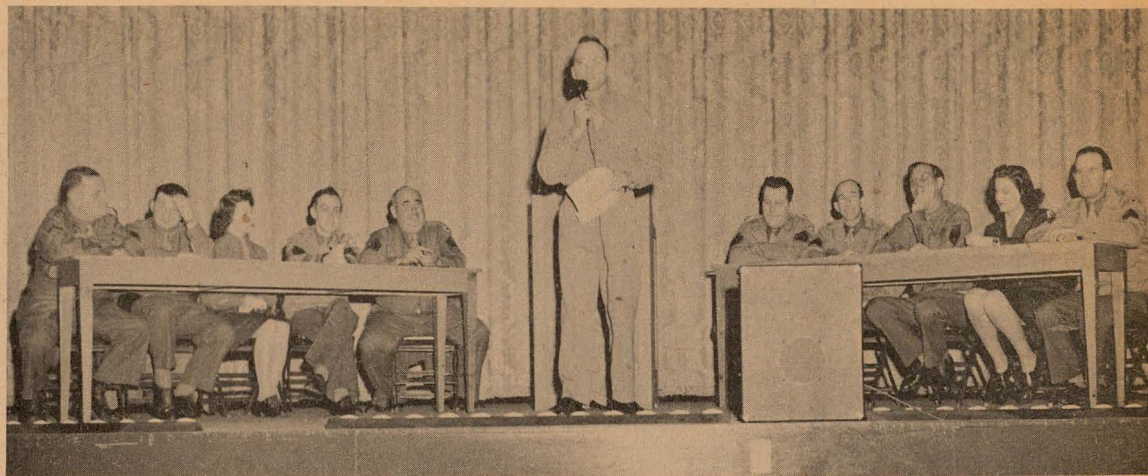
Dogs offered for sale need not be bought "sight unseen." A full description of each dog, together with a statement of its temperament, a resume of its war record, comments by the handlers, and recommendations as to the type of home most suitable are provided.

No purchaser need worry about a dog reverting to his Army habits as each animal goes through a de-processing as thorough as the original training program.

Requests for dogs should be sent to the nearest regional office of Dogs for Defense which address in this NSC area is Clarence Pfaffenberger, 750 Eddy St., San Francisco.



OOOOOO FRANKIE! When Sgt. Jim Overcast missed one of the questions, he was asked to do a Frank Sinatra for the audience by M/Sgt. Frank Williams, team captain.



GI QUIZZERS. Lt. Charles Erickson, post information and education officer, "sets the stage" for the coming all-SCU question-and-answer program. All questions concerned current events and when the contestant muffed he was asked to perform a simple "consequence." A good time was had by all.



Pvt. Floyd Baker describes Christmas in the Philippines to his mother, Wac Pfc Ethel Carlson, who is stationed at Fort Scott: "We did alright for ourselves at Christmas, had beer twice a day and a lot of turkey for dinner and even though we celebrated on the 26th it was still good."

"When we came off the 'hill' on Christmas morning they had hot cakes waiting for us and we all gazed on them as something rare and wonderful."

"I certainly received some lulu's in my Christmas packages. Can you imagine a woman sending a yo-yo to a soldier. What the heck are the people in the states coming to?"

"Some wooden puzzles also arrived with the same package and brother they were just that. A fellow could study the solution all day and then not even be able to puzzle them out. Thinning the Japs out is a lot easier."

Pfc Joe (Maltese Falcon) Aquilina, ex-Bayview Inn-mate now doing his military prospecting in Alaska, says: "The longer a fellow is in the Army and the farther away he gets from home the more he begins to think about the delights of the table—food, food and more food. On Christmas day we had a regular old Fort Scott menu and plenty of fun."

Sgt. Walter Carlson with an Armored Regt. on the road to Berlin has this to say in his latest letter: "I got a pass into a town in Belgium the other day and certainly had a lot of fun. It surely does a lot of good for a fellow to go out and really let himself go. There were no strings attached to my recipe and boy I really was cookin'."

"This war keeps a fellow guessing—one minute you think it can't last

long and the next minute it's the Golden Gate in '48."

S/Sgt. Franklin Brown with an Infantry Division in the Netherlands East Indies writes to some of his former overseas buddies now stationed at Fort Scott: "Of late we have been getting grand food. Such things as real fresh tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbage are something like manna from heaven after all the dehydrated dishes."

"The jewelry business has finally collapsed and the depression is on for the natives and all the GI Trader Vics. I guess everyone got tired of paying big prices for rare trinkets that often as not had seen the first light of day in a manufacturer's plant in the good old U.S.A."

S/Sgt. Uel Burt who receives his mail in the Philippines sends the latest news from Leyte: "I'm still with the 5th Air Force and we have joined with a couple of other forces and are now known as the F.E.A.F., which is translated as Far Eastern Air Force. One of our pilots did a beautiful Victory Roll about dusk last night, which means of course that some more Nipponese have gone to join their ancestors."

Pfc Pat Ricca having a hot time somewhere in the cold climate regions of the European Theatre writes: "Today is Christmas and this is certainly one hell of a way to spend it. First of all living out doors is no joke and secondly it's colder than an ice box in Alaska. We will probably get some good chow but you can bet your life that will be frozen too."

"The war situation is getting rougher but you know the American Army and if there is any way of wiping the jerries out we will do it."

## Quiz Program Features SCU Orientation Classes

Falling in line with recent War Department morale policies regarding the information and education program for its soldiers, SCU troops recently participated in the first all-G.I. "quiz show" held in the Harbor Defenses.

Directed by Lt. Charles Erickson, post information and education officer, the Ft. Scott theatre program deviated from the routine military education class in that it provided more of a true audience participation effort and education was interspersed with pleasure.

The two quiz teams were directed by M/Sgt. Ed Doepel and M/Sgt. Frank Williams, Ft. Scott old-timers, who chose their team members at random from the audience. Preceding the program, Lieutenant Erickson spoke to the troops, setting the stage for the coming "class."

Participants failing to answer questions on the current event sub-

jects were asked to perform a "consequence."

According to Lieutenant Erickson there were some mistakes made, but they were minor and will be corrected at the next quiz program slated in two or three weeks.

The quiz program is but one of the many new ideas being introduced by the post information and education office. The question-and-answer class will be held approximately once a month, with intervening Monday night sittings being reserved for smaller group discussions with group leaders, special guest speakers and other special educational programs. Lieutenant Erickson, who was graduated from Duke University, has recently completed a special course in information and education instruction at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

The quiz show was termed a success by the lieutenant.

At least, no one went to sleep.

## DISCHARGES HARD TO GET

Gags making the rounds of Harbor Defense installations that "we are all going to be thirty-year men" may not be so much hog wash at that.

According to a new AR, honorable discharges will be plenty tough to wrangle until the Axis rattles its last death gasp.

#### Age No Diff

Regarding age limits, only men over the age of 38 who have served overseas are qualified to make application for discharges under provisions of WD Circular No. 92. These men may be released and transferred to the Enlisted Reserve Corps or the Air Corps Enlisted Reserve upon their return to the United States.

The fact is emphasized that a man may not be discharged simply

because he is over 38 years of age. Actually, age has no effect on a discharge application, except in the case of a minor.

A discharge for the convenience of the government states, "by authority of the Secretary of War only, is based on the enlisted man's importance to national health, safety or interest."

#### Dependency Discharge

Another honorable discharge deals with dependency, and says, in part, "when, by reason of death or disability of a member of the family of an enlisted man, occurring after his enlistment, members of the family become dependent upon him for care or support, he may, in the discretion of the Secretary of War, be discharged from the service of the United States."

## 'Survival of Fattest' Exemplifies Harbor Defense Beer Guzzlers' Life

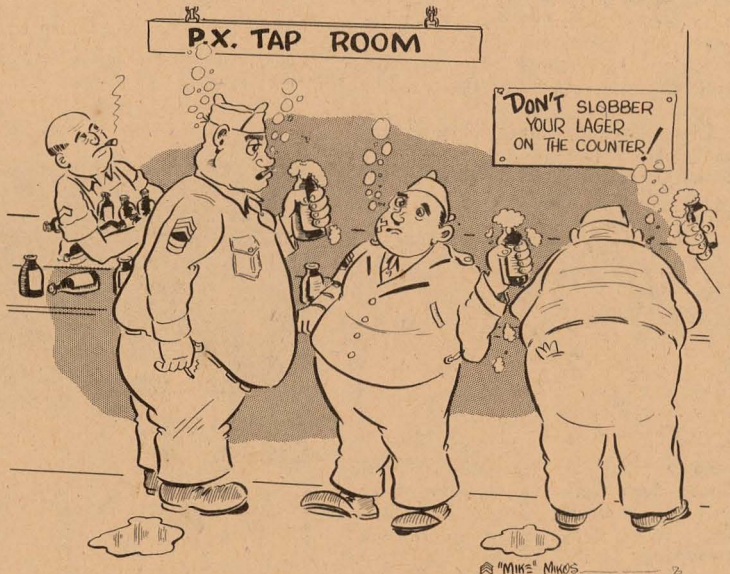
"Those who can stand drinking usually drink standing," an unknown bard once uttered at the height of one of Sir Arthur's famous jags. Little did the guy realize that his epical epigram would be applicable to Harbor Defense beer guzzlers come 1700, any day, any year, any taproom.

HDSF suds suppers are quite a gay band of spigot bigots, and casual notes taken during extensive field research indicates annual consumption in this command is somewhat reminiscent of a permanent GI alcoholidday.

The Fort Scott bartender, called by his regular evening's quaffers a "fizzical culturist," estimates he has set up enough three-point-two in the past year to float three major battleships and one tug from the Fort Baker mine flotilla.

#### Gone to Waist

"While beer is dietetically non-fattening," the froth dispenser was heard to say, "it does seem to have



the sixth rib and the thigh. A lot of the beer protein goes down the drain; I hate to think what would happen if all beer vitamins were utilized by the human body."

One can readily distinguish Harbor Defense hop lappers because they all stagger so much alike, but this grand clique of cellar-smellers have contributed much thought and time to the prosecution of the war.

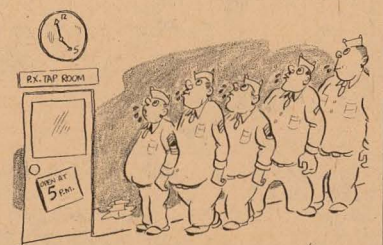
"While smacking my lips over a succulent lager the other night,"

one paunched individual slobbered, "I thought to myself what a grand sight it would be if all the GI's in the world were laid end to end; what a lot of beer that would take!"

#### Hopped Up

One local soldier has the brilliant idea of installing special carburetors on all Yank mobile equipment which would use beer instead of gasoline, explaining that "the wheels of the war can't turn unless they're well-oiled."

Most of the HDSF drinking crowd wait at the taproom door for the



1700 opening bell, and do not remove their brogans from the brass rail until the place either closes or runs out of the golden liquid.

"Hangover? Hell, no," blurted one soldier of many years drinking fame, "it's hard to get drunk when the flesh is willing but the spirits are weak. GI three-point-two is hardly intoxicating; after all, I can lie on the floor without holding on."

#### Leer-Beers

Many Fort Scott old-timers, who have been sucking draught since pre-Pearl Harbor, look with a certain amount of disdain upon those spineless recruits who cannot hold their wassail.

"They're good kids and mean well," one hardened bar lapper admitted. "But it's so pitiful to see them come in very optimistically and go out misty optically."

A Fort Baker stool commando has his own ideas on the subject of hangovers.

#### Bayer Facts

Teetotalers are the scourge of

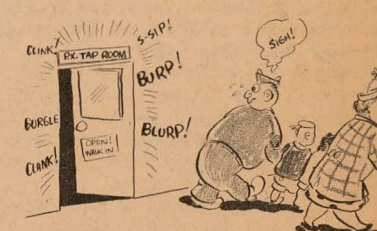
this band of soldier grog artists, and all admit that water is what some people drink when they run out of beer.

"The difference between a glass of beer and a glass of water is 10 cents," a Fort Cronkhiter said, waving a bottle of ale in the air and spewing a mouthful of spray toward the drinking fountain. "Water—curse of the drinking classes!"

The alleged upper crusts, who spend their evenings sipping bourbon, rye and scotch, cause the GI gurglers to tear their hair in frenzy.

"When you drink whiskey you can't burp," a Fort Funston spiff-bar ace muttered. "The sign of a good beer is a good burp. Blessed are the pure in beer-drinkers, for there is nothing worse than a mixed drink."

Statistics indicate that very few soldiers give up wetting their



whistles, but those that have have abandoned the GI taproom on account of the wife and kidneys.

Even when the beer swiller has departed from this world and his paunch no longer feeds itself on GI champagne, he will not be forgotten because his last order will be a bier.



a profound effect upon its more persistent partakers, particularly in that part of the anatomy between



# Sadist at Large!

## GI Gestapo Tracks Clothesline Thief



Applicants for provost marshal duty will form in a line to the right, please.

Recently, one of the families residing on Ft. Scott's 'Noncom Row' awoke to find that their clothesline had been robbed.

It was with a great deal of personal concern that the lady of the house called in Capt. Arthur Fidgeon and his GI detectives to track down the culprit, who was sadistic enough to pilfer long-handled underwear, breeches and bits of feminine apparel from the line.

Lady, if Captain Fidgeon or any of his boys appear to be mentally undressing you these days, just remember that it's in the "line of duty."

### BAYVIEW INN

Bayview Inn is rapidly assuming the aspects of a Carrie Nation Fan Club what with ardent anti-saloon leaguer T-5 Hugh Goulette wooing former "shot-absorbers away from the likker-pits." Hughie says he first saw the light of day during his furlough and it looks so good he intends to keep it that way. He's even gone so as to make Cpl. Joe Rogers swear off W. C. Field's pictures.

Then on the other side of the fence we have T-5 Curtis Vanderpool who is allergic to milk. Curtis breaks out into a "moo-rash" if he just so much as hears the opening strains of "Cow-Cow Boogie."

However, T-5 and Mrs. Eugene Park will be happy to take any surplus supply off Vanderpool's hands because they have a new seven and three-quarter pound baby girl.

"Good-deed good-day" seems to be the slogan of T-5 Olin Hawkey who has done such a good job of buttin' up. When told it may be permanent Hawkey broke out into a cold sweat and muttered a faint, "Good-night."

That harassed look Pfc Roy (Trapper) Staunton is wearing these days doesn't come from hen-pecking but gopher-pecking. Yessir, fellows, the



old Anzio foxhole vet is letting the little grass destroyers take him for a ride. He set up four of his traps the other day and already the rodent tunnelers have pulled two down to earth. To make matters worse Roy has forgotten where he set the other two.

An apple a day keeps the doctor away but the box Pvt. Lee Willis received from home the other day has earned him the reputation of a Casanova with a certain young lady who evidently likes her applesauce.

Some of the boys have been kidding a T-4 about a girdle, but Wayne has managed to keep his Chinn up through the whole affair.

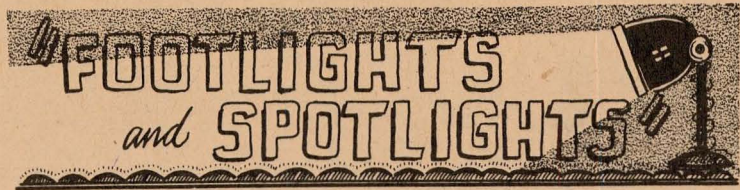
Sgt. Frenchy Olivier entertained a group of well known gourmets the other evening, but a prominent local sports writer turned out to be more of a liquor connoisseur than an eager eater.

T-4 Glen Anderson is now being referred to as the "bull in the Greenhouse" while Sgt. Glen Goodwin is called the "Atlas of the Hook 'n Ladders."

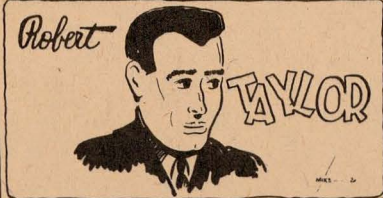
First Sgt. Ben Bowers gets the handshake of the week for being such an effective blood donor recruiter. Hdqs. SCU is really coming across in a manner to be proud of with nearly 40 donors in the last two trips to the local blood bank.



**NICE FIGURE**—skater. Mark Feb. 10 on your calendar because that's the night that this comely wench, Miss Alice Ramona Allen, Oakland, Calif., does her stuff on ice skates. Ramona won the Western Senior Women's Figure Skating crown in '43 and finished third in '44. The place is Iceland over in Berkeley, Calif., and she's set to show servicemen why she's considered a good skate-r.



It's Lt. Robert Taylor, who delivers the stirring commentary for the much publicized documentary film, "Fighting Lady" . . . Clark



Gable drew a similar assignment while in G. I. garb some months back . . . Gloria Jean will receive \$15,000 for her five weeks of 'in person' appearing in New York . . . Shirley Temple dispensed with her first movie osculation recently when she scene-pecked an ex-marine movie extra while filming "Kiss and Tell" . . . Pat O'Brien's next is "Man Alive" with Mina Gombell.

Harry James is still hot on the idea of salting away for himself a chunk of a big league ball club . . . Did'ya know that the cinema voice behind Panchito, that shootin' and gun totin' little bantam in Disney's "Three Caballeros" was none other than Joaquin Garay, S. F. nite life headliner?

They want mermaid Esther Williams to portray Eleanor Holm in the contemplated celluloid biography of showman Billy Rose.

Busy Van Johnson has appeared in 20 pics in the last two years . . . Groaner Crosby's current demand for his network show is to feature guesters who possess a good act and not just rely on their names . . . It'll be a Chicago setting of the 1893 period for Susanna Foster's next movie assignment.

The critics are still raving about

Warner Brother's short "Jammin' the Blues." It's the most notable jazz treatment to come out of Hollywood to date . . . Gene Autrey's leading lady, June Storey, has nixed several other horse opery offers. She's waiting for the time Gene will park his flight officer bars for the regalia of what the well dressed man in the saddle wears.

Overseas entertainer Ella Logan has been informed that her producer-husband is planning a book titled "USO Husband." The text is mostly comprised of letters she has



written him . . . The title of Dead Ender Leo Gorcey's autobiography will be "I Never Kicked Me Mudder" . . . G. I. movie-goers are awarding Lauren Bacall the distinction of the sexiest actress this side of Mae West.

M-M

#### FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Husband, on phone: "Sorry, dear, I won't be home until late. I have a form here I have to work over."

#### FIGHTING MAD

An American soldier in New Guinea had his helmet nicked by a Jap bullet, and promptly retaliated by knocking off 20 Nips. Nothing makes a GI so mad as to get a statement of charges for something not his fault.

## EAGER BEAVER . . . . .

## Has A Date

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach

Took a pass. Called on my girl Becky. She told me about her new job. Used to be a plumber's assistant . . . now she's plugging for the telephone company.

Becky reminds me of a ship . . . has a super structure. Also has false teeth . . . with every kiss she leaves a false impression.

Started off the day by going to the zoo. Took me 10 minutes to convince the caretaker at the gate that I only wanted to get in and wasn't trying to escape.

Trip to zoo was very enlightening. After comparing Becky with a few of the cats I had no doubt about the theory of evolution. Becky can be very insulting at times. Wanted to know what I'd do if all wolves were caged.

Lunch was very inexpensive. Becky had three bags of popcorn . . . 'Colonels' were always her favorite. All I had was a hot dog. Sort of makes it tough when you forget to sign the payroll.

After lunch we met Becky's brother. He's an insurance salesman. Any similarity between he

and his customers is strictly Prudential. He likes WAVES . . . also SPARED a little.

In the evening we went to the opera. Told Becky to wear an evening gown . . . she thought I said night gown. Don't know what kind of perfume Becky used, but it sure smelled.

During intermission we were introduced to some of the performers. Leading male star must really get around . . . lived 10 weeks on Broadway off the Merry Widow. Shook hands with one of the women in the cast. Her hands were very rough . . . must have carried a torch for someone.

After the opera we had dinner. I ordered chicken. Becky's brother also likes chickens . . . fresh out of high school. With the dinner we had port wine. The waiter who served us used to be a sailor. He had a girl in every port and port in every girl.

Before going home we had a few drinks. Peggy's brother would never be a lawyer . . . couldn't pass the bar.

### FUNSTON CANNONEERS

By S/Sgt. Bill Ewing.

My apologies for failing to get last week's column in fellows, but the old noggin isn't working so good anymore.

The Cannoneers Lens Club is making good progress. S/Sgt. Birchall has been elected president, Cpl. Van Houten vice-president and S/Sgt. Arras secretary and treasurer. With all the new equipment in the dark room the men are showing plenty of interest.

During the recent record shoot all sections of the battery worked with clocklike precision, all of which proves that when the men of the battery will be required to perform they will be capable of delivering fast and telling blows to the enemy.

First Sgt. Horne has gone into the business of raising rabbits. His main trouble now is to build room fast enough to have plenty of room for his fast growing brood.

The bowling teams are rolling along smoothly though they hit a rut now and then. Perhaps the "B" team should challenge the "A" team. They could make it a hot match. Our basketball team looks like a cyclone hit it; four of the star players are gone.

Cpl. Bybee, the jeep driver, has long ago claimed the honor of being the battery bull artist and so far has failed to meet his match. He is now considering taking up barbering—he can trim hair but will specialize in G.I. cuts only.

Pfc Kyker is the only remaining wolf of fame in the outfit. Everywhere he goes he hears oh's and ah's of the feminine world; the loud beats of their hearts sound like jungle drums. Pappy Bybee can give him good advice on leading the life of a Casanova.

Cpl. Ruback is looking for some one to tell him why and where little birds sit and what makes little bees sting. It is rumored he is studying the Russian language.

Cpl. Van Houten's new title now is chief dispatcher of the gear clasher's trio. He will soon be just as gas happy as our ex-dispatcher.

### HQ MALE ROOM

Gag of the week can well be credited to Pfc Mike Iliadis, master mind of the off-duty card games. Having returned from furlough recently, broke, one of the first things he asked the first sergeant was: "Say, sarge, when do I get paid on the SACRAMENTO pay roll?"

Blessed eventing is hardly an event around here anymore—it has become a 'regular' along the news beat. Latest proud papas are S/Sgt. Dale Neath, Pfc Grover Schur, T/Sgt. Mike Krahwinkle and Major Van Weatherston. Huba, huba, men!

Training instructor, Cpl. Louis Boldizar, showed the lads 'how' on the .22 range last week. In a practice shoot he is said to have scored 197 out of a possible 200. "That kneeling position always goofs me off," the eagle-eye said, who sure tried for that perfect mark.

Last Sun. afternoon T-4 Sidney Schecter, recent overseas arrival who got a notice in the last issue because of his ping pong skill, was challenged to a game of pool. He beat his opponent one game. When he beat his man the second time everybody started to comment. T/Sgt. Tommy Thomashunas, top man in the battery pool tournament, was the defeated foe. And Schecter's name is on the bottom of the list! Not for long, we venture.

While taking a passenger over rough Barry hills roads recently, Driver T-5 Bill Tanner, an overseas vet, wasn't saying very much. The passenger asked: "Say, corporal, don't you think these roads are pretty rough?" "Rough!" Tanner replied, "Why, I thought these were highway roads." Tanner recently returned from about 40 months in the Pacific where he drove peeps up and down uncharted mountain roads.

Thespian of mean ability is battery inmate T-4 Steve Sedlak. The "Barrymore of the Barracks" states he did a recent one night stand at a Slovak Hall revival in town. "I starred as the villain," he claims, "and I can hear them hissing yet."



**Thru Channels:** . . . and in addition to the above request typewriter ribbon, 1 ea., black. —S/Sgt. Hugh Bennett.



# Scott Mechanized Cavalry Troopers Sport Speedy, Mobile Scout Unit

## Modern Jeep Jockeys Are Versatile Gents; CO is Veteran Trooper

If Old Dobbin could but see the jeeps and half-tracks with which the local cavalry troop have mechanized themselves, he would not paw the earth in exasperation or kick the walls out of his stalls as many might believe.

Rather, the antiquated GI "hay-burner" would probably whinny, delighted that his troopers have modernized themselves to that high degree of efficiency whereby the troops could complete their mission with dispatch and precision in a stepped-up, fast, streamlined war.

The cavalry unit, now stationed at Fort Scott, discarded boots and saddles in 1942 in favor of motorized equipment. The troop was then with the 107th Cavalry, an all-Ohio aggregation formerly with the National Guard in that state.

### Crack Troop

Horse or mechanized, the tactical tasks of cavalry are basically the same of those used by military horsemen for hundreds of years—reconnaissance, requiring a light but extremely fast mobile unit. Cavalry has been described as the "eye, ear and nose" of the Army, their principal mission being to seek out, ferret out, smell out information valuable to intelligence officers.

That's why every soldier in this organization, be he captain or corporal, has been taught to give the job the obtaining of information his paramount effort; his ancestors did it in 1545, they do in 1945.

Every soldier in the troop is a sort of "jack-of-all-trades" — proficient in the use of infantry weapons, including rifles, automatic rifles, machine guns, carbines, pistols, tommy guns, grenades and bayonets. He is something of an artilleryman, too, for he is armed with anti-tank and with mortars.

In addition, the trooper must be a bit of a motor mechanic, a good tank and armored car driver. He must understand signal and radio communications.

### Issued Horse

Before Pearl Harbor, the GI nag was issued to each trooper, just as was his rifle, his uniform and his pack. It was his duty to look after the critter with as much care as he might with his rifle; both must be ready to go out on a mission on a moment's notice.

Today's cavalry is no different, except that the jeep and scout car have replaced the equine.

Socially, these 1945 jeep jockeys have an advantage over their illustrious predecessors. No longer are cavalymen "outcasts of the party" as in the old days when the cavalier was the object of much nose-raising. It seemed that no matter how much Lux was used, the unfortunate devil still carried some of his charge with him. He was altogether "too GI"; forced by fate to be more of a soldier than a military social butterfly. Gasoline is much easier to camouflage, the cavaliers admit.

Pride in being a cavalryman is always high, and the Fort Scott troop is an excellent example of the "cavalry spirit." Superficially, it takes many forms, but no man can be a good soldier unless he looks the part, and no one who has ever seen a cavalryman could mistake him for anything else.

Granted you won't see many of the Scott "horsemen" wearing boots and spurs except when they are in Class A, but the esprit de corps dating back to George Washington is there. That's why they say "Once a cavalryman, always a cavalryman."

### Veteran Outfit

This newly arrived unit is no youngster as a troop, although its numerical designation was changed last June from the 107th to its present classification. But the personnel is the same, and most of the fellows have been together since World War II began.

In fact, Capt. William Crowell, troop commander, has more than a passing interest in this particular troop. His father and grandfather before him served with the 107th, so it is without a moment's hesitation that he got his commission as a shavetail in the troop when it was activated in March 1941.

After being sent to Tennessee for training, the troop was mechanized and then rushed to the Pacific Coast following Pearl Harbor. It has been on special coastal defense missions since that time, but has had special maneuver training periods in Louisiana, Tennessee, South Carolina and the Mojave Desert, Calif.

Subsequent assignments have



**LIGHT AND FAST**, with plenty of fire power, these cavalymen are said to be about the quickest thing on feet or wheels. Here Pfc Vincent Oaker, T-5 Cipriano Lopez and T-5 Juan Lopez set up a mortar, within the flick of an eyelash. (Photo by Signal Corps.)



**TIME OUT** for chow by a cavalry trooper before completing his night mission somewhere on the Pacific Coast. T-4 Abe Photkin is snapped with mess kit brimming; he's got a big night ahead and he'll miss those calories.

been Presidio, Fort Barry and now Fort Scott.

### Star Roles

The troop recently played a key role in the Army-Navy War Show, enacting the part of defending "Jap" forces. The men got a big bang out of their Mikado session, Captain Crowell indicated.

Divided into three platoons, a command element and a service element, these modern cavaliers move around with plenty of zip, and each unit is practically self-sufficient.

The first platoon is charged by Lt. Gene Burkett, aided by S/Sgt. Bob Kingery; second platoon, Lt. Treby Ball, aided by S/Sgt. Frank Linden; third platoon, Lt. David Klitnick, aided by S/Sgt. Alan Duesing.

### Experienced Help

Milan Greguirc, Cleveland, O., is topkick of the troop, and is a cavalry vet of more than four years. The three leading tasks of motor, communications and mess are handled by T/Sgt. Joseph Bukovec, S/Sgt. Edmund Bentz and S/Sgt. Chester Wildman, respectively.

So the next time you see these motorized horsemen dashing around in their iron steeds, just remember they are living up to their age-old motto "Mobilitate Vigemus"—"Our strength is in mobility"—and, brother, they can mobile!

### ASF RESPONSIBILITIES

Movement of troops, disposal of military installations and the flow of men into reception and separation centers are among the many activities of the Army Service Forces, it was pointed out today at Ninth Service Command headquarters, Fort Douglas, Utah.

### ON EXHIBITION

If a girl expects to win a husband she ought to exhibit a generous nature, or else how generous nature has been to her.

### CLOSE CALL

It is much better to have loved and lost—much better.



**BRIEFING** Ft. Scott cavalymen before going out on a recent reconnaissance mission is Capt. William Crowell, troop commander. The captain possesses more than a passing fancy for the cavalry, because his father and grandfather before him were with the same outfit when it was in Ohio. (Photo by GGG.)

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## BOOK MARKS

Recent editions to the Post Library include the following best sellers with a circulating personality:

### THE WORLD OF WASHINGTON

IRVING

By Van Wyck Brooks

Author Brooks has been referred to as the little colonel of literature and he writes with the exuberance and love of life like a hare that has escaped the hunter or a trout the hook and now exults in the sun-soaked earth and windswept water.

The book deals with the first 40 years of the last century recreating the whole intellectual and artistic atmosphere of the period. Few Americans will read it without a thrill of discovery at learning how much more lively an intellectual life the youthful U. S. enjoyed than previous apologetic Europe-conscious historians have led the world to believe.

Its individual word-portraits—of Alexander Wilson, the dour ornithologist and bird painter, of Davy Crockett, teller of tall backwoods tales who thought they made a book "jump out of the press like a new dollar from a minthopper," of Fenimore Cooper, whose father gave him 23 farms in New York State when the future novelist was expelled from Yale—are equal to Brooks best.

The author has succeeded in bringing to life enough new and forgotten stories to inspire a generation of novelists and enchant a generation of readers.

### GREEN DOLPHIN STREET

By Elizabeth Goudge

Tasty as a marshmallow and practically written in technicolor. Its setting swings between Britain's romantic Channel Islands and New Zealand from 1830 to 1900. Its atmosphere is one of gentle domesticity, flavored with salty thrills of the sea journeys and pioneering among the Maoris at the world's bottom. The plot revolves around orange-haired William Ozanne and two beautiful sisters, Marianne and Marguerite Le Patourel, who both fall in love with him at first sight. Absent minded Will could never remember which was which. Ozanne can best be described as a successful pioneer and a heavy drinker.

### MIDDLE EAST DIARY

By Noel Coward

This intended bit of "joyeux noel" turned out to be playwright—composer—singer—actor—lyricist—producer Coward's "ac-cent-chew-ate-in of the negative."

It will be remembered not for the fact that this famous-author name-dropper wined and dined with the best dressed from Gibraltar to Lebanon but rather that his diary was banned—and here's where you'll hold on to your Cabots, Lowells and Gods—not in Boston but BROOKLYN.

### SPORTS EXTRA

By Stanley Frank

Lusty, he-man columning of American sportsmanship and fair play combining some of the best reporting by Arthur Brisbane, Jack London, Irvin Cobb and Heywood Brown with nine biographical sketches and critical analyses of the men who have exerted a strong influence on the newspaper profession makes this one of the "musts" on any library shelf.

### PEOPLE ON OUR SIDE

By Edgar Snow

An engrossing story of the forces that are shaping the future destinies of Russia, China and India, Snow's chapters on India provide one of the clearest and most comprehensible analyses of the apparently irreconcilable elements in Indian affairs that has ever been written.

You will find out by reading for yourself the truth about the failure of the Cripps mission to India; upon what rest our basis for friendship with the Soviets in the postwar world and how Chiang Kai Shek is increasing his power and who runs the Kuomintang.

### YOUNG'UN

By Herbert Best

This novel of reality and enchantment is a tale of upstate New York in the days of land grants, frontier hardship, robust love making and strength in ox-tail soup. Old Man Post, who couldn't tolerate home, family life or farmin', turned his back on all three when fate burned down his house and killed his wife.

This left Eldest, Dan'l and Young'un to carry on the farm.

Log cabins, swimming holes, spitting contests and stark bitter realities of a winter's cold give this story life with rich truthfulness of background, atmosphere and incident.



# SPORTS



A SAVE is scored by T-5 Leonard Laidoner, Harbor Defense ice hockey team's goalie, as Lt. Dave Naylor, Fourth Air Force ace, comes into the net with the puck. Coming in to help Laidoner is Pfc Bill James and Pvt. Don Weber, caught by the lensman rushing in from the right. In the background is T-5 Don Anderson, Gunner defenseman. The coast artillery skaters won the game in the last minute from the Flyers, 6 to 5, in a wild, exciting melee

## Gunner Puckmen Lose Close 6-4 Tilt to Flyers

In a rough, thrill-packed game at Sutro's, the strong Harbor Defense Gunner ice hockey team relinquished their Army Ice Hockey League lead to the Fourth Air Force as the Flyers whipped them, 6 to 4, in an upset win last Sat. night.

The Gunners were in the hole from the beginning, Lt. Dave Naylor and Lt. Bill Nitsch scoring at the outset before Pfc Bill James, Gunner player-coach, tallied for the Gunners. Pfc Charlie Abbott, Flyer wing, added another in the first period.

James put the puck in a few minutes after the start of the second period, but Naylor countered a few moments later to make the count 4-2. Then Pvt. Don Weber, HDSF defenseman, came up with an unassisted solo goal, and James, assisted by T-5 John Cablk, scored the tying goal less than a minute later following a face-off near the Flyer net.

### Goalie Heroes

Lt. Bob Henrickson, former Princeton star, and Lt. Bill Hauser scored goals in the fast and furious final period to give the Flyers their win. Fourth Air Force goalie Sgt. Frank Quantara was credited with many sensational saves, although Gunner goalie Cpl. Don Mader had his share of saving the day.

The Gunners' new goalie, Lt. Richard Clarkson, B-6th, was unable to play.

The week before the Gunners came from behind to sink Western Defense Command, 6 to 4, with goals by S/Sgt. Everett Gorton and Cablk turning the trick. WDC led going into the final stanza, 4-2.

James tallied a solo in the first period, Cablk added another in the second, and T-5 Don Olson, James, Gorton and Cablk scored in the final period to gain the win.

### Exciting Session

The Gunners started their Army Ice Hockey campaign by edging the Flyers, 6 to 5, with James the individual hero of the rough and exciting session.

Naylor gave the airmen a 2-1 advantage in the first period as he tallied both scores to one for the HDSF by Cablk. The Flyers increased the bulge to 5-3 in the second period on goals by Naylor, Abbott and Nitsch while the HDSF was getting one each from Olson and Gorton.

Weber opened the final period with a solo, then James let loose with less than two minutes to go. He tallied the score-tying goal from the side on a 50-foot shot, then put in the winning mark with 53 seconds remaining on an assist by Cablk.

The Gunners met WDC last Tues. night and the Flyers tangle with WDC Sat. night at 8 p.m. The Gunners clash with Fourth Air Force Tues., Feb. 6.

## Tunneleer Cagers Unbeaten in Loop

Riding along with a clean slate of seven consecutive wins and no defeats, the rangy Tunneleers of B-173d, Ft. Cronkhite, hold the pole lane in the dash for the Harbor Defense cage championship.

With T-4 Frank Kennedy, Tunneleer elongated pivot, sinking 31 points, the Cronkhites wiped out their closest contenders, B-172d, 66 to 34. Cpl. Jim Moore added 15 for the winners while Pfc Junior Tucker slipped in a like number for the losing Lions.

Hq-HDSF was 'B' Battery's next victim to the lop-sided tally of 80 to 30. Moore was the ace in the hole, hooping 22 points. Kennedy rounded 16 points in the routs; Sgt. Lloyd Hasselbush managed to collect 10 for the losers.

### Mileymen Surprise

The Lions, undefeated until the last week, dropped an unexpected 56 to 33 decision to the torrid C-172d quintet of Ft. Miley. Pfc Ed Tyc was the individual star of the evening, getting 17 points through the hoop.

A-172d, meanwhile, pulled themselves up the ladder with a 57 to 46 win over A-173d. S/Sgt. Glenn Munn and T-4 John Anderson shared scoring honors for the Barrymen with 11 points each.

Hq-HDSF handed the new league entrants, the Ft. Scott Cavaliers, a rude set-back, 44 to 33, with Sgt. Al Beekman contributing 14 points to the cause. T-5 Stan Teeters got 10 points for the Cavalry five.

A-174th, after winning one and losing one, dropped from the competition, forfeiting all the rest of their games on the schedule.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Team       | Won | Lost | Pct.  |
|------------|-----|------|-------|
| B-173d     | 7   | 0    | 1.000 |
| A-172d     | 3   | 1    | .750  |
| B-172d     | 5   | 2    | .734  |
| Hq-HDSF    | 4   | 2    | .667  |
| C-172d     | 3   | 2    | .600  |
| A-6th      | 3   | 2    | .600  |
| *B-174th   | 1   | 2    | .333  |
| *Hosp.-SCN | 1   | 3    | .250  |
| A-173d     | 1   | 4    | .200  |
| A-HDSF     | 1   | 4    | .200  |
| *A-174th   | 1   | 7    | .125  |
| Cavalry    | 0   | 2    | .000  |
| *B-6th     | 0   | 3    | .000  |

### LIBERAL ARTS

They named her alma mater—she's educated a lot of boys.

### MYOPIC MAMA

"Oh dear," she exclaimed, "I've missed you so often." Then she picked up the revolver and fired again.

## Sea Hawk Bowlers Nab North Bay Crown

Sporting a rotund 175 team average for 33 games, the seafaring Fort Baker Sea Hawks of B-174th annexed the North Bay Class A kegling league as the season came to an abrupt, unexciting close.

The Hawks led throughout the tournament, and turned in every one of the various individual and team records. The Baker quint only lost three games while winning 30, outdistancing the faltering Fort Barry Lions of B-172d in the final month of play.

T-5 Carl Heisser proved to be the big gun in the Hawk lineup; he rolled a high individual game of 249, he cracked a 674 series the same evening for a new Harbor Defense record, he topped North Bay bowlers with a 188 average for 27 games.

### No Splits

The Hawks, as a team, fared sensationally. The five-man team took high ten of 1011 pins, scratch, which is really knocking over pins, and also high 30, 2810.

In fact, contributing to the team's healthy 175 team average were the following individual averages: Heisser 188, Sgt. Martin Starbuck 180, T-5 Leonard Winters 177, Pvt. Herm Kajewski 168, Pfc Mike Bistry 161.

The Lions provided plenty of excitement earlier in the tournament, staying neck and neck with the Hawks until the two outfits locked horns. The Hawks took two out of three.

Some good bowling was turned in by the Marin Co. artillerymen, with Winters of the Hawks getting credit for the most pins knocked down, 5851, in 3 games. He was also the only bowler other than Heisser to crack a 600 series, 603.

High averages for the league included Heisser 188; Starbuck 180; Winters, 177; Hibbard, 174; Minkler, B-173d, 174; Wojcik, B-172d, 170; Rowland, B-172d, 169; Kajewski, Luken, B-172d, Mazur, B-173d, 168; Gianelli, B-173d, 167.

Other team leaders were Sullivan, Hospital Co., 161; Hudson, A-172d, 155; Ackerman, Officers, 163; Akehurst, Hq-173d, 154; Shaws, A-6th, 160.

The Hawks will meet the winner of the South Bay loop for the HDSF championship later this month.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Team     | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|----------|-----|------|------|
| B-174th  | 30  | 3    | .990 |
| B-172d   | 26  | 4    | .858 |
| B-173d   | 14  | 10   | .588 |
| A-6th    | 15  | 15   | .500 |
| Officers | 14  | 16   | .452 |
| Hq-173d  | 10  | 26   | .280 |
| Hq-173d  | 7   | 23   | .231 |
| A-172d   | 4   | 23   | .148 |

## Harbor Defense Cagers Set

Captained by T-4 Frank Kennedy, towering 6 ft. 6½ in. ex-Phillip Oiler player, the Harbor Defense basketball team is whipping into shape for the coming Ninth Service Command area basketball eliminations to be held at Camp Stoneman Feb. 14-17.

Several practice games have been slated by the HDSF club with teams in the Class A league of the San Francisco Recreation Dept., including the strong John Borlo Athletic Club quint.

Kennedy, currently high scorer in the local cage league, hails from B-173d, Ft. Cronkhite. Other Tunneleers chosen to play for the team include S/Sgt. Ed Hayes, forward, and Cpl. Jim Moore, guard. From the strong A-172d squad comes S/Sgt. Glenn Munn and T-4 John Anderson; from B-172's Barry Lions come Sgt. Norman Hibbard and Pfc Junior Tucker.

Sgt. Al Beekman, who holds the all-time HDSF scoring record for one game of 58 points, is slated to play forward along with Pfc Ed Tyc, C-172d's sparkling courtman, who pumped in 50 points in a recent game. T-5 Bill Murdy, A-174th's rough pivot, who held the Harbor Defense scoring record of 42 points until Beekman and Tyc came along, is also assigned to the squad.

Rounding out the team is T-4 Jim Hollingsworth, a smooth-working courtster and a former all-state high school guard from Kentucky.

## Ice Hockey

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Team           | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|----------------|-----|------|------|
| 4th Air Force  | 3   | 1    | .750 |
| Harbor Defense | 2   | 1    | .667 |
| WDC            | 0   | 3    | .000 |

## More About COUTURE

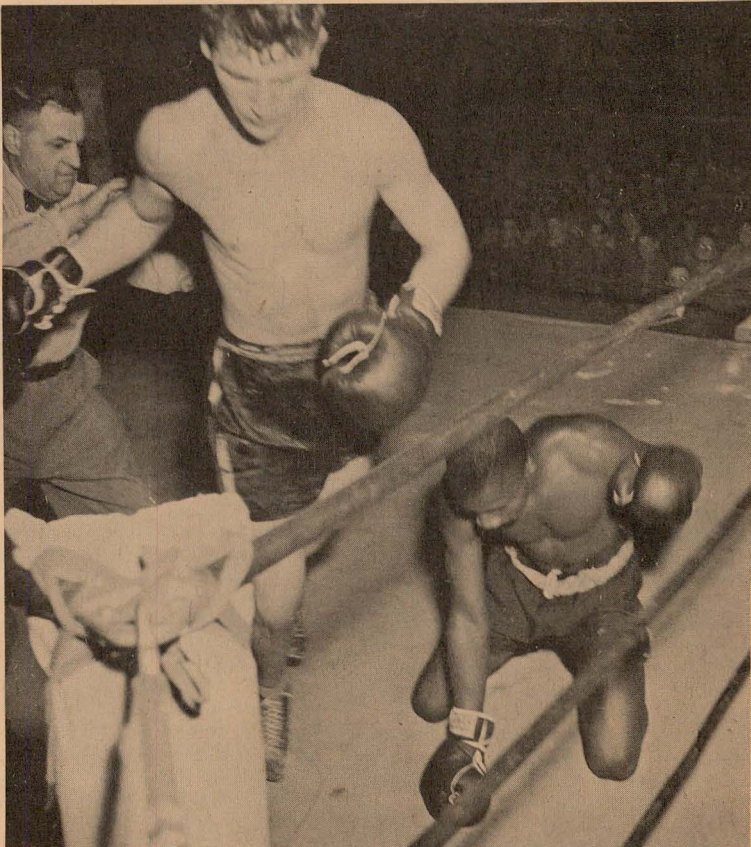
O'Day clinched his arms around the Harbor Defense champion, in complete surrender.

The O'Day demise rounded out Couture's complete string of TKO's in the tournament. Fort Lewis fighter, Pvt. Al Prislinger, was also a second round victim, during the semi-finals at Beale, on Jan. 18. The "quarters" at Camp McQuaide found Soldier Frank Bodnar calling it quits in the first.

Accompanying Couture to the finals were Lt. Kenneth Hauter, Fort Baker SSO and Sgt. "Mike" Mikos, who acted as second.

At east 26 fighters from nine western military installations competed in the week-end fistic fiasco. Spotlighting the program were such fight names as Soldier Al Hart, considered eighth ranking heavyweight in the world and Sgt. Eddie Sims, National A.A.U. champ. The tournament was managed by Lt. O. W. Webb, Camp Beale athletic and recreation officer.

According to some talk, there is a probability that a tournament to determine the champions of the Armed Forces serving in the continental United States may be staged at a later date. The site, according to talk, might be Los Angeles.



WHAM! WHAM! . . . and it was all over for soldier-fighter Pvt. Al Prislinger, 157-pound welterweight from Fort Lewis, Wash. Pfc Al Couture, hard-socking Fort Scott boxer, cuffed his foe with much gusto and the colored slugger hit the canvas for the count in the early seconds of the second round. This bout was the semi-final for the Ninth Service Command senior welterweight crown which Couture won in the finals.





Murphy's Irish is up.

The Harbor Defense athletic and recreation officer, Lt. Leo Murphy, is kicking himself three different ways of Sunday this week following Pfc Al Couture's venture into the Ninth Service Command fight championships—which Al won, with ease.

What Leo is bothered about is the fact that he failed to take Sgt. Paul Acuna, Pfc Ken Smith or Pvt. Joe Aragon along with Couture to the NSC events. Murphy thinks these other HDSF champs would have done okeh.

"I got scared to take these boys along because I thought they would run up against too much good competition," the lieutenant moaned, "but that was not the case. I thought they'd get murdered, but what I saw made me sore.

"Why, Acuna, Smith or Aragon could have stood up with the best of those publicity-built-up fighters!"

We've always maintained our Harbor Defense athletes will stand up in the best of competition, GI or otherwise.

The softball team proved that.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: Most surprised soldier of the week was Pfc Bill James of the Gunner ice hockey team recently. He came scooting down the ice, weaving in and out, as the crowd cheered him on. After going the length of the rink and outmaneuvering every opposing player on the ice, he prepared to shoot only to discover that he had left the puck behind his own net at the opposite end of the arena. Not one player had even noticed he did not have the puck.

Cpl. Maynard (Bus) Rowland, chubby athlete from 172d's Fort Barry Lions, says he will be forced to give up baseball next season. He's injured a muscle in his shoulder that will not only affect his throwing arm from his catcher's post, but his bowling game . . . Look for an ice hockey game between the HDSF Gunners and the Fourth Air Force Flyers soon in Berkeley at Iceland.

1st Sgt. Gus Schmidt can breathe easier this week now that his ace kegling rival, Cpl. Frank Marino, has been shipped. Schmidt is a good bowler but Marino was just a mite better and it was just once in a blue moon that the topkick was able to take any money from Frank, albeit the sarge was not afraid to bet with Marino any time, any place, any amount . . . The post A-and-R office is thinking very seriously about a golf tournament in the near future.

Wac bowlers finally won a couple of games in the South Bay handicap kegling loop, helped, of course, by a round 245 pin team handicap . . .

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By Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos

**S/Sgt. JOE FERNANDEZ**

JOE'S NO.1 SPORT IS WEIGHT LIFTING--- HE PUT ON AN EXHIBITION IN ST. LOUIS WITH CHAMP HAROLD RECORD.

JOE GOT HIS BIGGEST THRILL WHEN HE FOUND HE COULD LIFT 200 LBS. OVER HIS HEAD- THIS HAPPENED DURING THE SHOW.

BOXING AND WRESTLING ARE MORE OF HIS SPORT LOVES- HE TEACHES HIS BATTERY MATES THE FINE ART BETWEEN DUTY CALLS.

FERNANDEZ LIKES HIS BASKETBALL TOO- PLAYED ON HIS CHURCH TEAM IN A 30-TEAM LEAGUE- HE WAS THE LEAGUE'S HIGH SCORE MAN FOR THE YEAR.

"ALL-AROUND" FERNANDEZ HAS ALSO BEEN A MEMBER OF THE STRONG "FORT BARRY LIONS" BASEBALL TEAM FOR THREE YEARS.

NO.2 SPORT IS SOCCER- HE PLAYED CENTER- HALFBACK and FULL BACK CENTER- FOR THREE YEARS WITH A LEAGUE TEAM IN HOMETOWN, FAIRMONT CITY, ILLINOIS. HIS TEAM WON THE LEAGUE TITLE TWO YEARS IN A ROW.

'Dark Horse' Scott Maple Quintel Overtakes A-HDSF for League Lead

Hq-HDSF, "dark horse" of the South Bay Class A bowling loop at the outset of the season, firmly entrenched themselves in number one position in the league standings as both pre-tournament favorites, A-HDSF and A-174th, faltered in the dying moments of competition.

Sgt. Rudy Olson, new addition to the Hq. quintet, provided the spark for his team as his 551 series led them to a two game to one conquest of Hq-SCU. Sedlak rolled a 522 series for the winners, and Knaub and Soloman topped the SCUers with 519 and 515.

The Hq. men continued their climb up the kegling ladder by taking three games each from B-6th and Navy, Day leading both escapades with series of 542 and 558. Miaglyta tallied a 500 series for the B-6th losers.

Down They Go

A-HDSF, sailing along rather smoothly two weeks ago, felt the

Hq-HDSF Handicap Pin Quint Tops South Bay

Keglers of Hq-HDSF, Fort Scott, clung onto the lead in the South Bay handicap league by crushing A-HDSF twice and breaking even with the Cannoneers of A-173d, Fort Funston.

Olson led the Hq. rollers to their first three point to win over A-HDSF, tallying a 509 series. Dvorczek paced the losers with a 509 series, too. In their second quest with 'A' Battery, Sullivan took high honors with a 542 followed by Steen with a 524.

The Cannoneers roughed the Hq. bowlers a little, Notari being the heavy artillery for the Funstoneers with a 537 series and 211 individual game. The Funston outfit also split with A-174th as Miller rolled a 500 series.

B-6th had little trouble rounding out the week's competition by blasting the Wacs, four to nothing.

| LEAGUE STANDINGS   |     |      |      |  |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|--|
| Class B, South Bay |     |      |      |  |
| Team               | Won | Lost | Pct. |  |
| Hq-HDSF            | 16  | 4    | .800 |  |
| A-174th            | 14  | 6    | .700 |  |
| A-173d             | 10  | 10   | .500 |  |
| B-6th              | 9   | 11   | .450 |  |
| A-HDSF             | 8   | 12   | .400 |  |
| Wac                | 0   | 16   | .000 |  |

boat rocking underneath them when the Cannoneers of A-173d almost took them, but nevertheless managed to salvage two of the three games. The canoe really went topsy-turvy when A-174th reversed them, two games to one.

Against the Cannoneers, Dmochowski led the A-HDSF team with a 543 series, but Deutsch scared the winners as he tallied a 567 for the Funston outfit. Cpl. Frank Marino rolled a slick 583 series for A-174th as the Scott five dumped the Schmidtmen, followed by Thompson, 563, and Biniecki, 536. Topkick Gus Schmidt turned in a valiant 579 effort, including a 226 game.

C-172d, Fort Miley, replaced A-174th in third place by sinking 'A,' three games to nothing. Faltering A-174th, however, rolled without the valuable services of Marino who left Fort Scott for another station. In this fiasco, Hollingsworth pulled his Miley mates up with a 538 effort and Rees followed with a 521.

Stahl is Torrid

The Miley team started their pull upwards by whitewashing Hq-SCU, three nothing, as Stahl rolled a 577 and 229 game. They then measured A-173d, two to one, with Schreiber the big gun with a 528. Deutsch of the Cannoneers slammed a high 573 series, followed by Van Houten's 523.

Other games found Hq-SCU clubbing B-6th, three to nothing, with Vigilotti's 541 series doing the damage; A-174th sinking Navy, three to nothing, Marino's 592 series and 257 game turning the trick; A-173d kayoeing Navy, three nothing, Van Houten pacing the parade with a 535.

Although Marino has departed, he continues to top South Bay bowlers with a sensational 194 average for 24 games, followed by Schmidt, A-HDSF, 182; Van Houten, A-173d, 181; Sarafolean, A-HDSF, Sedlak, Hq-HDSF, Day, Hq-HDSF, Schreiber, C-172d, 179 each.

| LEAGUE STANDINGS   |     |      |      |  |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|--|
| Class A, South Bay |     |      |      |  |
| Team               | Won | Lost | Pct. |  |
| Hq-HDSF            | 23  | 7    | .759 |  |
| A-HDSF             | 19  | 8    | .704 |  |
| C-172d             | 19  | 8    | .704 |  |
| A-174th            | 19  | 8    | .704 |  |
| Hq-SCU             | 10  | 20   | .333 |  |
| A-173d             | 9   | 18   | .333 |  |
| Navy               | 8   | 22   | .267 |  |
| B-6th              | 7   | 23   | .233 |  |



STUDY IN UNDERSTANDING and multiplication — Pfc Edward Silver pets his favorite hare-de-femme, 'Queenie,' with the same gentleness and affection one would his prize dog. But docile 'Queenie' is a prize. She is partially responsible for Silver's collection of 17 rabbits.

Valle Paces Lion Keglers

Led by T-5 Victory Valle who has maintained a robust 164 average in 24 games, the Fort Barry Lion bowlers of B-172d appeared to have the inside track in the race for the Class B handicap league crown of the North Bay.

Valle, whose 575 series rolled recently at Fort Baker still tops the league, paced his mates to the loop lead with 35 points won against one lost. Closest competitor to the mark is B-174th's Team No. 1 which has accumulated 31 points against 5 lost.

The Lion team, composed of Valle, Birns, Bellora, Dyer and Nagie, has kept a 157 team average for the season. S/Sgt. Harold Birns follows Valle in league high average with a 162 for 24 games.

Following these two in league high averages are Pfc Bob Johnson, B-174th No. 2, 161, and S/Sgt. Orin Tufts, A-172d, 160.

Other team leaders include Haltz, Hosp-SCU, 156; Kauter, B-174th No. 1, 154; Haigler, Hq-173d, 150; Kalionzes, Officers, 134; Chapin, A-6th, 144.

Johnson still has high individual game of 237, followed by Hanson of Hosp-SCU, 218; Nagie, B-172d, 215; Grazauka, B-174th No. 1, 212; Bellora, B-172d, 210.

| LEAGUE STANDINGS   |     |      |      |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|
| Class B, North Bay |     |      |      |
| Team               | Won | Lost | Pct. |
| B-172d             | 35  | 1    | .972 |
| B-174th No. 1      | 31  | 5    | .860 |
| B-174th No. 2      | 25  | 11   | .700 |
| Hosp-SCU           | 22  | 18   | .550 |
| A-172d             | 8   | 16   | .333 |
| Officers           | 8   | 32   | .200 |
| A-6th              | 8   | 32   | .200 |
| A-6th              | 2   | 18   | .100 |
| Hq-173d            | 1   | 23   | .042 |

'C' RATIONS IN RUGGED WRAPPERS

Type "C" rations, for fighting men overseas, are now shipped in rugged Victory fiber board containers which have withstood as many as 100 handlings en route to final destination, it was reported by NSC Quartermaster.

SOME PARALLEL

It is a fact, vows the Union Oil Co., that the fair sex spends more on rouge than the oil industry spends on tank paint.

Hobby Starts With 'Queenie'

Pfc Edward Silver, mess boy on one of the Harbor Defense mine planters, has one of the most unique hobbies in the Army. Silver raises rabbits.

"While home in Providence, R.I., I always took special interest in the productive animal and raised them for pleasure as well as profit," said Private Silver.

"There are some characteristics of the animal we are prone to overlook. When a bunny gets to know you it can become almost as attentive as a pet pooch, as is evidenced by 'Queenie.' Rabbits are mild tempered and smart."

'Queenie' is the first bunny Silver picked up while in the Army and "I wouldn't part with that creature for anything," the hare curator announces.

From that modest start Silver now boasts of 17 rabbits with others expected soon. There is another feature of the rabbit that must not be overlooked, according to Silver.

"For the discriminate gourmet nothing could be more appetizing than tender rabbit fried so-so dipped in egg and bread crumbs. The crew will soon enjoy some of this delicacy."

Yes, but what will Queenie think?

Baker Gymnasium Gets Remodel Job

Complete with "cane, top hat and tails," the Fort Baker gymnasium re-opened its portals this week after the door had been closed for a few weeks to remodel and redecorate the building.

The basketball court and playing floor is between 15 and 20 feet longer now that the balcony has been torn out. The place also sports a new locker and shower room. Lighting facilities have been increased, and, according to Pfc Willie Cordes, gym chief, the gym is ready for customers. The floor was re-surfaced and refinished.

Gym facilities may be reserved for company or battery activities by contacting Sgt. Asaad, Baker 4, at least one day in advance. Maximum time that the gym can be reserved is four hours, Asaad stressed.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Cooked By A Hash Mark





REPORTING REPORTERS



S/SGT. WILLIAM EWING, T-5 JOHN O'DONNELL, T-5 RAY COLONNA, T-5 BOB MURPHY, CPL. FRANK MEEHAN, PFC. DICK HAMILTON, PVT. WILLIAM KRAMER, PFC. JOSEPH MELITO, CPL. HADLEY BREakey, CPL. ALBERT MAN-MILLER.

'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX

By T-5 John Woodall

Cpl. Earl Miller is out of the hospital after a period of four weeks, his injured foot having healed sufficiently to enable him to leave on furlough. Earl says he learned enough rummy to give the folks back home a bad time. Let's hope those icy sidewalks don't give Earl trouble.

Add this to the list of things that have to be seen to be appreciated: Pfc. Dominick D'Armore during his recent furlough, walking through the Challenger train with towel and soap looking for the shower. Seems some of the more traveled boys told him there was a nice hot shower for weary souls. Slip me the soap, yoke, while I gather in a lather.

Pvt. William Britt is wondering just how he was talked into this situation. After a day of pleasure and pastime, Britt and T-5 Arnold Brown found themselves at the Ferry building. They decided it was high time to orient themselves and start back to camp. Brown suggested they walk and take in the sights. Britt, being an agreeable person, consented. Everytime a street car approached Britt would suggest they board it. Brown, however, being a curious person, would



suggest they walk a little further. Two weary soldiers with steaming feet were seen dragging themselves into the barracks hours later. One was heard to mumble feebly that if anybody wanted to know how long it took to walk from the Ferry building to Fort Scott, ask 'Simon Legree' Brown.

T-5 Donald Anderson must be blessed with a charmed life. Don plays with the Harbor Defenses ice hockey team, a fast moving, slam banging group of athletes, and is still in one piece. It is worth a trip to Sutro's to see these teams massacre each other. Carry a rabbit foot for Don because the battery can't spare him very well at this time.

'B' LIONS

Recognizing a good man when they saw one, Cpl. Al Manmiller, this column's former author, was shipped out to the infantry not long ago. Cpls. Jim Wojcik and Phil Albanese went along, too, to mention a few.

S/Sgt. Joe Bosi is furloughing in San Fernando, Calif., taming lions and things. Meanwhile, "Scot," his pet dog, pines away at the battery awaiting his return.

When Zeke Skorupski made Pfc the other day it heralded a new era in the good man's military existence. With the acquisition of rank, Zeke has taken it unto himself to see that his orders are obeyed with alacrity and precision. "The first step is always the hardest," he said. "Swift better watch out for his stripes!"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is he Pvt. or Pfc? This query was recently applied to Arthur Robinson who was the object of much consternation when it was discovered he was a Pvt. and was on the verge of drawing pay as a Pfc. "Four bucks will buy lots of beer," Robinson said, still a pvt.

After famine of nearly a year, one of the cooks finally got a rating. Luther Simmons is the fortunate soul, and he went from Pfc to T-5. Meanwhile, his cooking mate, T-5 Clyde Voelkel, is bucking for the rocker as acting mess sgt. while S/Sgt. Joe Grinus visits the old bars at home, E. St. Louis, Ill.

TRIPE AND TRIVIA: John Pieper made cpl. the other day, but still could not pull rank on his pal, Elvin Allen, whom they also made a two-striper. Allen, by the way, is battling San Joaquin Valley elements in Bakersfield, Calif. . . . Sgt. Paul Ledbetter and Pfc Albin Schulz were

SCOTT WACS

Sgt. Cora-Nell Wilson and Sgt. James Harrigan met over a year and a half ago when they were both rookies at Camp Abbott. It was a case of true love and postwar planning at first sight. Last week in Long Beach the couple said their "we do's" and are now honeymooning at Fort Lewis where the groom is to be stationed. The bride will return to Fort Scott come the end of furlough-wedding time.

T-4 Carol Trophauer, local Quiz Queen, and Cpl. Mary Butts, career dietician at BSH are going in for higher education at the University of California Extension night school. It's elocution and public speaking for Carol and folk style dancing for Mary.

New addition to the Scott Wac family, Pfc Daisy Tabery, had just better watch her step. She missed one the other morning rushing to reveille and sprained her ankle. Daisy is the wife of a Navy lieutenant formerly stationed on the post.

Pvt. Susan Booth of the motor pool booths celebrated her birthday recently and the occasion was enlivened by a visit from her aunt and uncle.

S/Sgt. Florence Vandergriff is one of the blood bank's best boosters. Flo says she likes everything about it from the orange juice, coffee and doughnuts down to riding in the front seat of the truck with a good looking driver.

"Belle of Baker" 1st Sgt. Mary Moscatello has returned from a visit to her home in Towanda, Pa., and Pfc Teresa (Di-Di) Dominicus, who is to the bowling team what Bacall is to Bogart, has also come back to set a new high in "frames."

Acting first lady of EW Wacland, Cpl. Irene Jones, who is doing a splendid job during the absence of 1st Sgt. Mabel La Far has had a fine time greeting the visiting celebrities. Yes, and Irene is still blushing from some of the compliments.

"Cold-bricking" at the popular winter spa under the picturesque GG bridge shadows of Fort Baker are T-5 Rosemary Barnes and Pfc Henrietta Machala, who have been active participants in the many recreational activities offered at the hospitable hosp.

Pvt. Lottie Jarowszewski has certainly been taken to the "cleaners"



these days but in a happy sense because Lottie is bound to be the best dressed and best pressed Wac in her home town when she goes on furlough.

racking their collective minds the other day trying to figure out how they could have a few hours off in Hollywood en route to pick up a prisoner in Arizona. . . . Pfc Fred (Side Pocket) Thompson had his finger operated on recently. It kept him from pulling kaypee, but didn't seem to affect his lucky billiard game much.

Capt. Vic Miller is on leave, and reportedly is spending his time skiing. . . . A Pfc at an outlying station was the fortunate victim of a three-day pass recently. Pfc Maxwell Freeman, slated for cadre, was inadvertently given a three-day job. Yep, the cadre left without him. . . . Cpl. Bus Rowland has given up bowling in favor of G.I. chow. He's allegedly first in line every day.

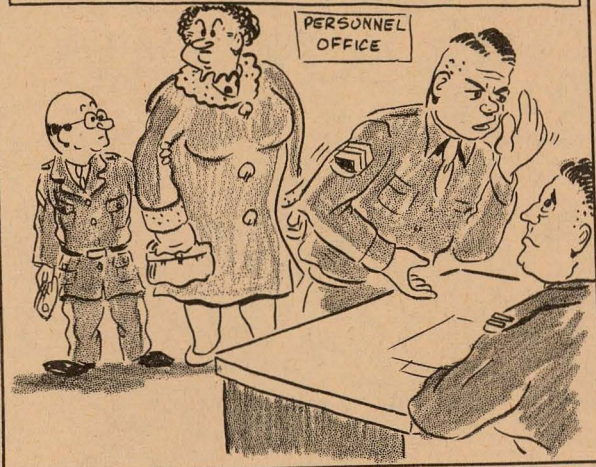
In case you're wondering why all T-5's in the battery no longer smile, attribute it to the fortunes of war. It seems that Model T's have their regular turn at guard and kaypee; we always knew these T-toters were good for something. . . . Pfc Junior Tucker, the carrot-topped whirlwind, has been wolfing competition from T-5 Francis Smith, spies say.

ETERNAL PROBER

When a woman is in love, she goes into ecstasy—a man goes into details.



"HE WANTS A DISCHARGE BECAUSE OF BAD EYE-SIGHT. HE BROUGHT ALONG HIS WIFE AS EVIDENCE."



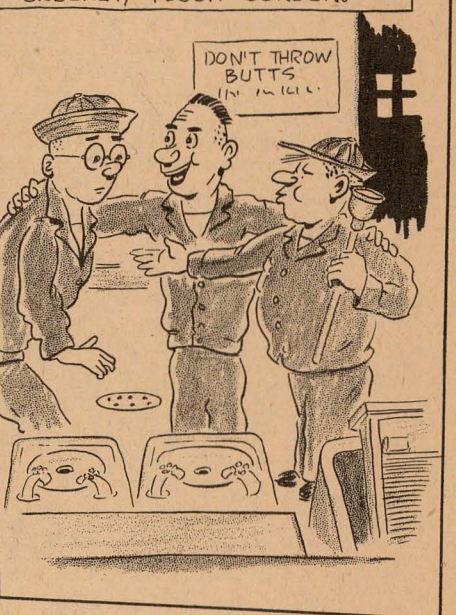
POME

GATHER YE ROMANCE WHILE YE MAY—  
FOR WAITING MAY BRING SORROW,  
A JOE WHO'S STATIONED HERE TODAY  
MAY BE TRANSFERRED TOMORROW.



"YOUSE KIN QUOTE ME IN TH' 'GUARDIAN' AS SAYIN':  
'MY OCCUPATION BEFORE I CAME INTO TH' ARMY  
WUZ BEING A CHILD.'"

"I WANT 'CHA TO MEET OUR LATRINE ORDERLY, 'FLUSH' GORDON."



- ★ SERGEANT IS ONE WHO CUSSSES YOU OUT AFTER THE ARMY SWEARS YOU IN.
- ★ FURLOUGHS ARE A COMBINATION OF BORROWED TIME AND BORROWED DOUGH.
- ★ WHEN DEMOBILIZATION STARTS DON'T GET CAUGHT WITH YOUR POINTS DOWN.
- ★ EXPERIENCE IS WHAT FIRST SERGEANTS CALL THEIR MISTAKES.
- ★ BE IT EVER SO HOMELY THERE IS NO FACE LIKE YOUR OWN.
- ★ THERE IS NO FUN KISSING A GIRL OVER THE PHONE... UNLESS YOU ARE IN A PHONE BOOTH WITH HER.
- ★ EARLY TO BED AND EARLY TO RISE AND YOUR GAL GOES OUT WITH SIX OTHER GUYS.

"MIKE" MIKOS

POINTS FROM THE POINT

By Pfc Joseph Melito

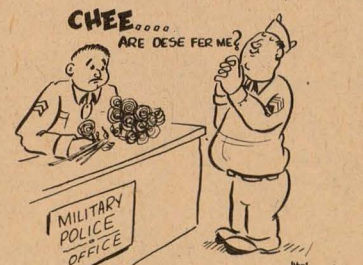
Congratulations to T/Sgt. and Mrs. Beers upon the arrival of their baby boy, Milton. Both baby and Mrs. are doing fine.

Events in the Philippines should hold a personal interest for all the men of the 6th for it is to be remembered that the stars and colors on the crest denotes the participation of the 6th C. A. Regt. in the campaigns of 1898.

Pfc Campbell wants it made known that he is not from Flushing, N. Y., as stated in the last issue of the GGG. He hails from Lynchburg, Va.

The notice on the barber shop window reads, Wanted: A barber. Good wages, rations and quarters provided.

In the near future the stork will pay two more visits to the Point and S/Sgt. and Mrs. Bachman along with T/Sgt. and Mrs. Pinske are readying the nurseries. (Incidentally, they live on "Diaper's Row.")



It certainly looks as though the PM office is turning into a florist shop what with T/Sgt. V. Martini receiving roses by the dozens in care of the PMO. The MP's asked Martini if they should serenade him when he called for the roses.

We wish to commend the men who recently were awarded the Good Conduct Medal for their demonstrated fidelity to the HDSF and the Army in performance of their duties.

THE LOST BATTALION

By Pfc Jess Haigler

Welcome to those fellows who have just arrived at Happy Valley from overseas. We realize that this place is quite different from what all of you are accustomed to and we sincerely hope that everything on the Home Front is what you expected upon your return.

T-5 Marcel Drobny has relieved Cpl. "Dusty" Bowman who was NCO in charge of the Barry Rifle Range. Cpl. Bowman is now plugging it out in the infantry with other members of the outfit, some being Pvt. Joe Kovach, T-5 Carl Lyon, Pvt. Ezra Rheame and Pvt. Vincent Cuoghi.

There was a great sigh of relief when Sgt. Clay Howard drove the last nail that completed the Transition Range at Ft. Cronkhite. On completion of the range it was found, after inspection, that the targets should be moved in back of the butts instead of their present place. Now that this last defect has been corrected, Sarg is trying to catch and keep up with the driver of the weapon carrier so he can build up the sides around the driver's seat to keep out of the fog.

It seems that our cook, T-5 Tony Merlino, pulls extra duty in the kitchen while he is on shift. The other night he was seen shoveling coal in the oven to keep up a fire to cook his Boston beans. A true Army cook.

It is believed that S/Sgt. Fred Muehlman will be a regular member of the orientation class held here each Tues. The last meeting shall we say — drew him in?

GET YOUR DOUGH in the fight . . . buy War Bonds . . . invest wisely . . .

Everyone is happy to see that Pvt. Twombly and Pvt. Brewer have returned from the hospital. Sympathy is extended to Pfc Dederling in his recent bereavement.

BAKER MEDICS

S/Sgt. Bill Scully, whose corpulent frame has been a familiar sight to all old-time Ft. Scott dispensary-goers, has been transferred to the Oakland Regional Hospital awaiting retirement from the Army.

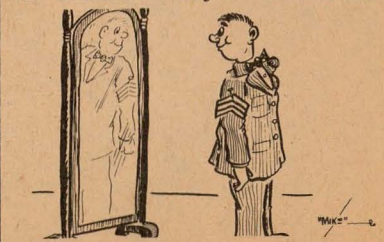
Proving that even the cook can't eat his own stew, Pfc John Strnatka, night chef, has turned into the hospital with "the miseries." Furthermore, the rigors of a 3-day pass were too much for Pfc Forrest Wilson, who also decided that the best place for him was one of those nice soft hospital sacks.

Bemidji, Minn., claims to have the "coldest weather in the United States," so Pfc Bennie Platt is furloughing there to see if the old home town is upholding the tradition. T-5 Ed Bailey has forsaken company sack duty to visit cronies in Ashtabula, O.

M/Sgt. Irving Wolff's "G.I. Alter-matt" has acquired a new mess officer in personage of Lt. R. D. Miller who claims if anyone can make a mess out of the mess it's going to be him.

In case you've wondered why the X-ray negatives are looking so sharp and beautiful these days, credit it to the efforts of Miss Vinita Blackburn, new X-ray wizard from Camp Swift, Texas. The comely chick is showing T-3 Al Boyajian how to run the machine. "I'll teach him the basic idea of X-ray yet," she says.

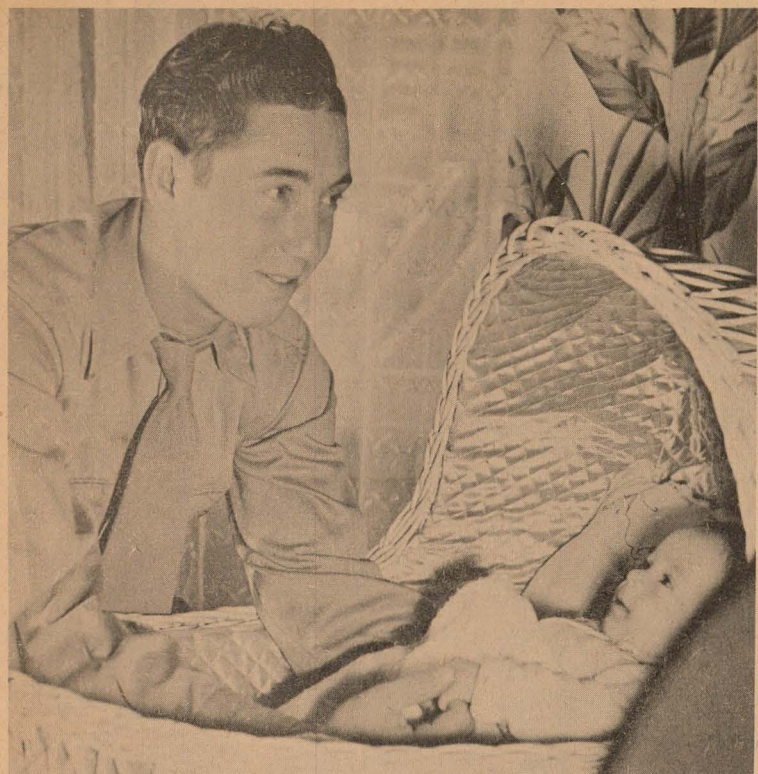
Sgt. Dean Kloefer, the "Ding-Dong Daddy of Ward 24," has been sweating overtime lately, but it is not because of any female trouble.



It seems he purchased a pin-striped suit and now the CO won't let him wear it. Tsk, tsk.



# Barry Bataan Hero Tells of His Jap Prison Escape



'UNCLE GLEN' has been spending quite a few hours looking at his new six-months-old nephew, Mike Kuskie, whom he didn't even know existed before he escaped from the Japs after more than 1,000 days of imprisonment. There are more than a dozen Kuskie kinfolk living at the Ft. Barry housing project. (Photo by GGG.)

## 'Death March' Soldier Survives Torpedo Attack; Says 'It Was Hell'

By Cpl. Ken Clifford

From the darkened, filthy, disease-ridden interior of one of the largest Jap prison camps to the bright, gay, warm home of his parents at Ft. Barry is quite a change. T-5 Glen Kuskie has been more than willing to accept the transition.

Believed to be the first hero of Bataan to return to San Francisco, Kuskie, whose home town is Lincoln, Nebr., is enjoying a 90-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuskie, at the Ft. Barry defense housing. His father is a fireman at Ft. Barry.

Young Kuskie's amazing Army experiences with the treacherous Sons of Heaven began soon after Pearl Harbor when he was captured by the Japs on Bataan. It continued through the world-famous atrocity known as the 'Death March of Bataan,' and was followed by incarcerations in the Nip prison camps of San Fernando, Tarlac, Cabanatuan, Duval Penal Colony, La Sand and finally the most beastial of them all, Camp O'Donnell.

"It was one thousands days of nothing but hell," Kuskie affirmed.

### Fortunate Escapee

Kuskie tells of the irony of being torpedoed by an American submarine while being transferred in a Jap vessel from Camp O'Donnell to another prison. Of the 750 American prisoners of war aboard the ship, only 83 got out alive.

"I had been at Camp O'Donnell more than two years before the Japs decided to transfer us to another camp closer to Japan," Kuskie said. "One morning they got 750 of us and marched us about 27 kilometers (18 mi.) to the ship. It was a steel freighter, about the size of a Liberty ship.

### Crowded

"When everyone was aboard and stowed in the hold we didn't hardly have breathing space. We took turns stretching out.

"We had been shoved well below the waterline of the vessel. There was only one little ladder leading out of the hatch and that was pulled up each time the guard left. There were guards posted above the hatch."

Yank prisoners were fed twice a day, he asserted, but "it was rice, the same stuff we had been getting for nearly three years."

### Tricky Nips

"After we were to sea for awhile the Japs found out that the Americans knew we prisoners were aboard this particular ship. So the Nips put into port and we were put on another ship."

After herding the Yank prisoners into the other ship, Kuskie said they remained at anchor nine days before the vessel headed to sea—and a destination it never reached.

"We were at sea two days before the American sub attacked us," he said. "At first we thought we were being bombed by a plane. Jap sailors saw the tin-fish coming, but were powerless to avoid a direct hit.

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## Scott MP Rescues 3 from Rocks

By allowing himself to be dropped by rope down a treacherous slope in the Harbor Defense military area near Battery Land recently, Pfc Francis Litts of the Ft. Scott Provost Marshal's office, succeeded in rescuing three San Francisco youths who were stranded some 150 feet up the side of a rocky ledge.

While making their regular tour of duty on motorcycle around 1600 Sun., Feb. 17, Pfc Francis Litts and Pfc Glenn Tenney were hailed down by a naval officer on a road leading to a Harbor Defense battery, which is located on a high rise of ground overlooking the Golden Gate.

### Death Below

The officer pointed out three figures huddled close to the side of

the cliff, each unable to go up or down due to a top layer of loose shale. One of the figures was holding on to a ledge and showed signs of weakening his hold.

A slip would have meant death on the rocks below.

Frantically, the officer tried to phone the city fire department, but could not get a connection. By the time the MP's came along it seemed as if there was no time to get a hook and ladder. The youngsters had to be rescued at once.

Private Litts sped down to Battery Land and got T-5 Anthony DeLucca to drive up one of the battery trucks with a winch attached to the rear.

### Three Trips

When the vehicle got to the

drop-off point Litts had a section of the rope wound around himself and proceeded down the cliff. When he got to each youth he wound part of the rope around his body and had the winch pull both he and the rescued to the surface.

Litts made three such trips, on the last almost seriously bruising himself against jagged rocks in attempting to reach Robert Parr, 17-years old, eldest of the three, who was stranded below an overhanging ledge.

The Ft. Scott medics were on hand to administer first aid. All three needed minor medical attention. The other two youths were Fred Garcia, 12, and Cedric Garcia, 14. All three lived on Guerrero St. in San Francisco.

## Scott MP Unit Escorts Nurses Freed in Bataan

The first major post assignment of the special MP unit, SCU 4907, that recently moved to Bldg. 55, Ft. Scott, was to escort the 54 Army nurses recently liberated from Jap prison camps on Bataan, from Hamilton Field to Letterman General Hospital last Saturday.

Formerly a small detachment at Stockton, Calif., the 'GI cops' were moved to the Presidio of S. F. in increased strength and took over the duties of the 749th MP Bn., which recently moved to another station in California.

Policing of San Francisco, Oakland and the Bay region is the MP unit's principle function. It is commanded by Capt. John Bryson.

Members of this unit are expected to figure prominently in all future Post activities.

## Gray Ladies Get Hospital Awards

Graduation exercises for 21 Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross at the Ft. Baker Hospital was held last Sunday afternoon in the recreation hall. Lt. Col. William H. Crawford, hospital commanding officer, presented diplomas to the volunteer ladies.

The ceremony culminated a three-month course in recreation by the Gray Ladies for soldier patients. The group was supervised by Mrs. Josephine Abercrombie of the hospital Red Cross staff.

In attendance at the ceremony were Mrs. John Kittle, Marin Co. chairman of Volunteer Service; Mrs. William Upton, county chairman, Hospital and Recreation Corps; Mrs. Edda Brown, executive secretary, Marin Red Cross; Mrs. Victor Wollman, assistant chairman, district Red Cross.

Following the presentation of certificates by Colonel Crawford, tea was served, Mrs. Kittle presiding, and entertainment was furnished by Miss Vivian Larsen, cellist, and Miss Madeline Miller, violinist.

## SCU Sgt. Major's Idea Wins Pass

A three-day pass was the order of the day for Sgt. Jim Overcast, assistant post sergeant major, last week for his contribution to the 'suggestion box' recommending a change in the Ft. Scott-Presidio bus system.

Overcast's suggestion was reviewed by Col. Arthur E. Rowland, post commander, and eventually adopted as "saving the government both time and money."

## No More KP

Rasbridge Off Details; Rates Salute

## Axis & Allied Losses Total Two Million Lives, Insurance Co. Reveals

Careful studies of military death losses indicate that war in 1944 took a toll of more than 2,130,000 lives, statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company reported.

Conservative estimates indicate that United Nations losses exceeded 880,000, while Axis death losses ranged upwards of 1,250,000. The report did not take into consideration civilian deaths caused by the war.

American battle losses were estimated at 145,000 on the basis of official reports and include allowances for deaths among wounded and missing as well as for delay in the receipt of death reports.

## Gas Masks Worn By K-9 Dogfaces

Chemical Warfare Service has adopted a dog gas mask weighing 2.1 pounds which affords protection against chlorine, phosgene and other gases and will fit 97 per cent of all war dogs, the WD reports.

As one old 'barky' growled, "Next thing you know they'll be callin' us 'dog-faces.'"

The name, Pvt. Charles Rasbridge, A-173d C.A. Bn., was scratched from the KP and guard rosters last week at Funston for a very special reason. Last Saturday Pvt. Charles Rasbridge was sworn in as a 2nd lieutenant in the Army.

The transition from private to lieutenant after one year, five months and 21 days in the service was not hard to take, Lieutenant Rasbridge revealed.

"I know it will take me a long time to get used to 'pinkies,'" the brand new shavetail said, "but it does beat guard duty and KP anyhow."

Lieutenant Rasbridge received his commission as a clinical psychologist and is expected to be assigned to a regional or general Army hospital.

A graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N. J., where he majored in 'psych,' 39 year old Rasbridge was psychologist for the grade and prep schools of Bernard County in New Jersey when inducted into the service. His wife, Laura, also a psychologist, is continuing with Lieutenant Rasbridge's work until his return to civilian life.

When he first entered the Harbor Defenses, almost a year ago, Lieutenant Rasbridge conducted a class on mental conditioning at the Ft. Barry Special Training Hospital.

Lieutenant Rasbridge is about the tenth enlisted man in the Harbor Defenses to receive a direct commission, the first while a buck private and in the field of psychology.

When the war is over, the lieutenant intends to continue this work, specializing in the rehabilitation of veterans.



CHARLES RASBRIDGE, who recently jumped from private to second lieutenant, looks quite pleased as T-4 Hazel Robinson of the Scott Wacs pins on the first gold bar.



## Know Your Leaders

Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher

Boss of the Flat Tops

By Pic Edward Wells

Early this month the Japs got a fine picture of what is coming to them more often, when Task Force 58 of the 5th U. S. Fleet inched to within 300 miles of the shore, and poured it on the Tokyo area for two full days.

Directing this 1,000 plane carrier-based attack was Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher.

Ever since we got in the war this pioneer Navy aviator wanted to command a task force, but, before last June, did a number of other fighting and staff shores before realizing his long-time wish.

Like most old time salts, Admiral Mitscher is a man of few words, especially about himself and his deeds. His 29 word autobiography in *Who's Who* states these meager facts: Fifty-eight years old . . . entered the Navy in 1906 . . . became a rear admiral in 1941.

He does not mention that in 1906 he wanted to go to West Point, but being unable to get an appointment made the Naval Academy instead. Classmates recall that he was once asked to 'resign' from the school for hazing, but did wrangle a reinstatement. 'Oklahoma Pete from the Wild Prairies,' as they called Cadet Mitscher, never did become an angel graduating with a conduct average of 2.5, just passing with no more room to spare.

### Crazy About Flying

'Pete' Mitscher was crazy about flying. He was number 38 on the original list of Navy fliers at Pensacola who won their wings just 30 years ago. He was in the famous NC4 Transatlantic Flight of 1919, but had to down his plane on the Azores. Mitscher did manage to make the complete run when the first massed PBV's flew from San Francisco to Hawaii just nine years ago.

Before the present war Admiral Mitscher did his share of staff work. He was Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics at the time of Pearl Harbor. He also had filled his head with ideas of strategy that are paying off today.

After Pearl Harbor Rear Admiral Mitscher's first command was the historic carrier Hornet. He brought the Doolittle raiders to within 800 miles of the heavily guarded Japanese mainland for the first raid on Tokyo. Three months later his ship fought in the battle of Midway.

In April of 1943 as commander of aircraft in the Solomons, Admiral Mitscher appeared at Guadalcanal. His big day there was June 18 when his planes bagged 94 out of 120 Jap

aircraft. He also helped the Navy strike its blow at Hollandia, Truk and east of the Marianas.

To put it mildly he hates Japs from way back.

"You can't trust any of the yellow devils," he says. "The only way to win this war is to kill so many that they can't exist as a nation."

These are harsh words coming from a man who admits he can't shoot a deer because its soulful eyes would be a reproach to him.

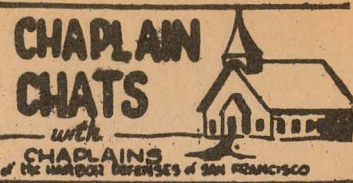
Mitscher's command of Task Force 58 was dramatically revealed last June after its great victory off the Marianas. It blasted 353 Jap planes out of the air, sank a big carrier, a destroyer and a tanker. Another carrier, a battleship, a cruiser, two destroyers and three tankers were known to be badly damaged. When his flag officer remarked recently that "he hates Japs like a Marine" he wasn't kidding.

### Face to the Wind

In appearance Admiral Mitscher is no typical admiral. He is small, gaunt, tow headed and icy eyed. He has the red leathery skin that is a trade mark for all old time flyers like General Chennault. On shipboard he wears a battle cap that resembles the kind worn by ball players.

His favorite perch is on the bridge facing aft. Once when asked about this odd habit, he tartly replied, "Only a damned fool would ride with his face to the wind."

He has never had much time to excel in athletics. His favorite sports are fishing and pitching horseshoes. When he gets through doing his share in licking the Japs, he has one other score to settle—that is with Vice Adm. Aubrey Fitch, his long term rival in barnyard golf.



(Editor's Note: This article was submitted at the invitation of the GGG by Chaplain Haskins, assistant post chaplain at Presidio, who sometimes conducts Catholic services at Fort Winfield Scott.)

### MY BUDDY

By Chaplain Edward T. Haskins

"Civilization is a fine thing—we ought to try it sometime."

There was a time when I thought the writer of the above quotation was too much of a cynic. And I have always thought that Chesterton best defined a cynic as being a "fellow who knew the price of everything and the value of nothing."

But the other day I was talking to the chaplain of a nearby fleet hospital and he was most concerned about one of the major tragedies that is being enacted in the American scene today. Men come home from two or three years at sea, rush to the telephone center to call their wives, and then at a moment when they might well expect a great 'lift,' they suffer one of the war's worst shocks: They find their wives have gone off with another man, two or five or 10 months before.

We are fighting a bloody, costly war to preserve civilization against the onslaughts of dictators and vicious men without principle. One of the foundation stones of that civilization is the sanctity of the home. The inviolability of the marriage vows cements that stone in place.

It would seem that servicemen would be the first to resent this treachery to their buddies. It would seem that servicemen would be the first to resent any lecherous attack on the homes they are endangering their lives—and in many cases—giving their lives—to preserve.

It is indeed a sad commentary—and paradoxical to say the least—on the lives of the men in our armed forces, that while one is away fighting a vicious enemy, one of his compatriots in uniform, would assume the role of a traitor to the common cause and destroy the happy home that the fighting man expects to return to when his job is done.

And yet, one of the most appalling stories that finds itself being told in the office of a great many chaplains today is the story of marital infidelity being encouraged and fostered by servicemen—at the expense of a fellow soldier overseas.

Unless this situation is changed before it gains proportions that will make the damage irreparable, our fighting men will win a victory on the battlefield, only to lose everything at home.

And the writer of that first sentence won't have been such a cynic after all. He will have been a writer of the truth.

A very, very sad truth.

## Furlough Soldiers May Get War Jobs

Soldiers on leave or furlough have an opportunity to help ease the serious shortage of manpower in war plants, and at the same time make extra moola for themselves.

Casual labor may be employed to fulfill the existing vacancies in the plants, at the prevailing wage score, according to a statement by offices of the War Manpower Commission. Bay Area labor may be found at the waterfront, shipyards, supply warehouses and other vital plants.

Soldiers in this area may get full details on such jobs by contacting the United States Employment Service office, 755 Howard St., San Francisco.

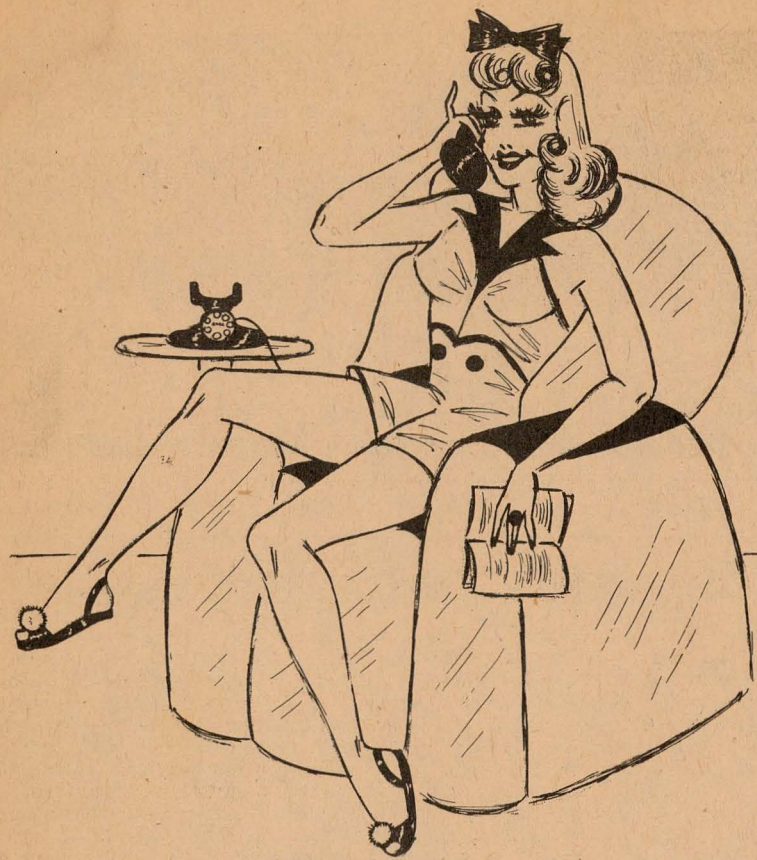
## Lapel Gadget is Hint to the Wise

Definitely placed in the limited service capacity as far as home-front whoopee is concerned, New York girls wear a lapel decoration designed to let would be wolves know they are out of circulation.

A little silver figure of a soldier (or sailor) points to a heart on which is inscribed the word 'TAK-EN.'

and Strauss' "Tales from the Vienna Woods" at the Club.

Danceable dance bands are Curley Jacob's at Avalon and Wolohan's Rainbow Boys playing at Wolohan's Ballroom, 9th and Market, where the '2,000' gather nightly to swing and sway. Among the first rate hotel "shake a leggers" are Eddie Oliver (Palace), Ted Straeter (Mark Hopkins), Dick Foy (Drake) and Dick La Salle (St. Francis).



"You have the wrong number, sir—but perhaps the right party..." (Drawn by Miss Dorothy Johnson, Post Engineers.)

## A Lasting Peace?

The Peace Conference scheduled to be held in San Francisco April 25 next is to be the ultimate challenge to all mankind on the question that has been asked throughout the ages: "Can there ever be a lasting peace?"

Leaders of the Allied powers believe they have found an answer in the affirmative. By combining their resources, their manpower and their political philosophies they are fully convinced that it is possible for nations and peoples to live together in accord.

In order to create and maintain peace the military and political leaders realize there must come a peace of mind first. The heinous crimes committed by both the Japanese and Germans in this war must be fully avenged. These two nations must be beaten so severely that for generations to come the countries overrun by the barbaric Axis war machines will know that atrocities suffered by innocent men, women and children were not forgotten.

Though the political philosophies of England, France, Russia, China and the United States do differ, they are based on a single concrete basis—freedom from fear and want. It is these political philosophies that must eventually predominate in all the belligerent aggressive states that have brought so much misery to the world. Through proper teachings and understanding among the conquered people it may be possible to mold an entirely new philosophy—one that would strive for civic and world-wide accomplishments in the social and science fields.

We in the armed services must be vitally concerned with what peace world we and our children are to inherit. The fight is not over. It has been hard and bitter and cruel.

Before it is over we should have a thorough understanding of what is in store for the beaten enemy and what program will be carried out to discourage a populace of following a maniac intent on plunging the world again into a blood bath.

"If we're not prepared to shoulder the responsibility of saying our say, of casting our votes, of paying our taxes, and of abiding by the consequences of our decisions, then we'd better be prepared to accept with good grace the consequences of our indifference."

—Ft. Monroe, Va., 'P-EM'

"Our boys are using that V-formation so crushingly, it's downright discouraging to the opposition . . . there's no beating the 'V.'"

—Paris Island, N. C., 'Boot'

## THE GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN

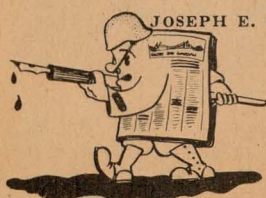
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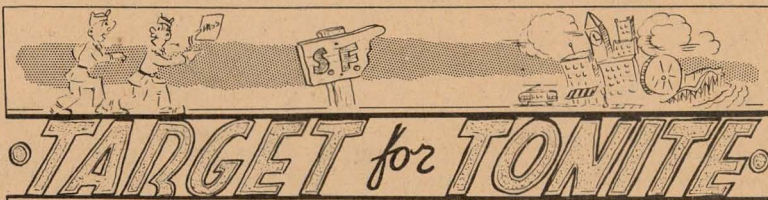
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It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, but as far as the March winds are concerned it looks as though every willing soldier out for a breeze will be blown to hit-bits all over the S.F. entertainment centers.

Best bet in free fun (instructive too) is O'Connor and Moffat's (cor. Stockton and O'Farrell) exhibit called the "Plastic Age." If you think you got a shock when you first saw your wife in cold cream and curlers just wait until you get a load of this. Waterproof rope, plastic training revolvers, transparent violins and army bugles are but a few of the 1500 articles on display to dazzle you.

### Lens Hounds

Every guy with a roll may not be a millionaire; it's a pretty good shot he's a camera enthusiast and will surely wish to see "100 Years of Portrait Photography" now being shown at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park. Also up the 'lens-lease' alley in the Photography Center, 1254 Market St. which has a dark room at your disposal. Stop in and see what develops.

Future Frank Lloyd Wrights can add a few rooms to their dream house by visiting the San Francisco Museum of Art (Civic Center) where a showing of "Modern Architecture for the Modern School" is in progress.

Sculptors, painters, writers and actors have a field day every day at the Servicemen's Art Center, 450 Grant Ave., where they meet leading professional artistic and literary lights in informal group classes.

### Horn in Anytime

Something for the boys who enjoy

a musical toot are the Servicemen's Monday Symphonys at the CIO Center, 150 Golden Gate Ave. Bring along your instrument and horn in anytime. Tomorrow night your uniform will be the price of admission to the Civic Auditorium where Marian Anderson will be guest soloist with the S. F. Symphony along with the Municipal Chorus.

On Sundays between 1200 and 1400 the Ambassador Roller Rink (cor. Fillmore and Geary) invites you to be their guests. Skates are supplied. Free movies are, still a feature of the Veterans War Memorial Building where on Tuesdays at 2000 famous revivals are shown while on Sundays at 1430 it's "Travelogue Time."

If you are looking for solid comforts, the National Defender's Club, 449 Post, is the answer. Stage Door Canteen around the corner on Mason St. is still the place through whose portals pass some of the finest shows.

### Choice

Always current and choice are General Noble Center, 1130 California St., located by the tall grey spires of Grace Cathedral atop Nob Hill; Old St. Mary's Center, California and Grant, which offers hearty hospitality straight from the heart of Chinatown, and the Clubhouse for EM's wives at 529 Powell St.

For the discriminating person who prefers to spend dollars with sense, his list of 'must see' attractions will include Paul Robeson in "Othello" (Geary Theatre), Bela Lugosi in "No Traveler Returns" (Curran) and two unusual movies, the Swedish "Himlaspelet" at the Larkin





CAUGHT WITH FEET in midair, the Cavaliers stationed at Ft. Scott, are shown going through the paces in earnest. In the foreground is Cpl. Gene Thomas, athletic noncom of the troop.

## Body Building Program Pride of HD 'Cavaliers'

Extending the usual form of planned athletics and recreation, the mechanized cavalry unit stationed at Ft. Scott, recently developed a complete conditioning program which includes such body builders as guerrilla exercises, grass drills, combative sports, running and relays. Also included in the program is a complete schedule of competitive athletics among which are listed ping pong, touchball, push ball, bowling, swimming, tennis, boxing, handball and golf.

### 'Big Gun'

The 'big gun' behind these activities is Cpl. Gene Thomas, who recently returned from the School of Personnel Services at Lexington, Va., where he spent 30 days going through some pretty stiff paces in the Army athletic and recreation course.

"One of the things we learned at the Army school was that endurance is one of the prime factors that saves lives on the battle fields," the athletic noncom said.

"The best way to improve stamina, flexibility of the muscles and solid flesh is through a periodic plan of exercises, each day extending the length of time on the athletic field."

### Points

The entire program, according to Corporal Thomas, is run on the platoon competition basis and points are awarded to the platoon winning each event. Additional points are awarded to individuals for entrance in sport tournaments.

The first competitive activity to get under way is the table tennis singles tournament and about 90 'Cavaliers' are said to be in the playoffs.

### Other Activities

Among the other activities of the new Harbor Defense organization are hobby clubs, soldier shows, musical 'get-togethers' and orientation programs pepped up with movies, slides and good speakers.

A mimeograph news bulletin comes out semi-monthly devoted to troop news and items of general interest. One of their major projects is weekly donations to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

Capt. William Crowell, troop com-

mander, and Lt. Gene Burkett, former director of the Commando Combat School at Ft. Cronkhite, are in full accord with the athletic and recreational program and participate in many of the activities.

## Hospital Doings Veteran KGO Radio Announcer to Emcee

Ira Blue, veteran KGO-Blue Network radio announcer and sportscaster, will emcee an all San Francisco Radio City variety show for patients at the Ft. Baker Hospital Wed. afternoon, Mar. 7, in the rec hall, the Red Cross, sponsors of the show, announced today.

According to Blue, he does not know exactly who will appear in the show with him but he promised several headlining local NBC radio entertainers.

Dr. W. W. Hall, president of the Marin Junior College, will lecture today at 1300 in the rec hall on the subject, "Our Ally, Russia." Patients and members of Hospital Co. are to sit in on the lecture, one of a series sponsored by the San Anselmo Rotary Club.

An all-patient show is slated for Fri., Mar. 2, at 1830, and the popular Game Night is calendared for Fri., Mar. 7. Discussion groups are held Tuesday nights and ARC movies on Monday and Thursday nights.

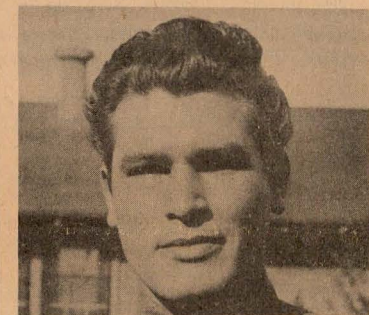
## Jap Admirals Bite Waves by Numbers

In the good old days the family physician always prescribed a sea voyage for those ailing patients who were rich enough to afford it. Results were usually very gratifying and the sick sea tonic is another man's poison, according to a recent CNS release.

Eighty Jap admirals who followed Imperial Navy Hon. prescripts have died since last May. Latest to go the way of all ancestral goldfish was Vice Adm. Hiroshi Nakagawa.



Two straight weeks of sunshine has somehow bolstered the native San Franciscan boast of "year 'round beautiful climate." What is your impression of San Francisco weather?



Pfc Angel Rodriguez, Ft. Funston

I prefer the Los Angeles climate. It is too foggy and cold around here. The time I spent in the South Pacific reminded me of perfect weather; it was nice and warm most of the time.



Sgt. James Sirotti, Ft. Funston

The change of seasons suits me best. Give me those good old breezes off Lake Michigan any old time.



T-4 Dennis Klute, Ft. Funston

To tell the truth I like the weather here very much.



Pfc Effie Lasher, Wac Co., Ft. Scott  
There is much more sunshine at home, Raymond, Wash.; I like it better there.

## SW Pacific 'Joe' Gets Medal Saving Crew in Flaming Plane

By Sgt. Tom Crooks

"It was around 0730 on an early July morning in 1942. I was doing a little bunk fatigue in a gun position at Ft. Weaver, Oahu, when without warning a tremendous explosion shook me awake."

Pvt. Joe Birchess (A-HDSF), Southwest Pacific vet and holder of the Soldier's Medal, said that for a moment he thought it was another 'Pearl Harbor.'

"I picked myself up and ran outside. A plane had crashed on top of an ammunition pit a short distance away. It was a B-26 which had taken off from Hickam field but a short time before."

### Five Killed

"Seven members of the crew were strewn about in the wreckage, constantly endangered by flames. Five had been killed instantly, but there was still a chance for the pilot and co-pilot."

"We had to work fast. Along with three buddies I rushed in and removed the bodies. Fortunately for us the plane didn't carry a bomb load though it did hold quite a quantity of machine gun ammo which kept popping all over the place."

Birchess was awarded the Soldier's Medal for helping to save the lives of the two airmen.

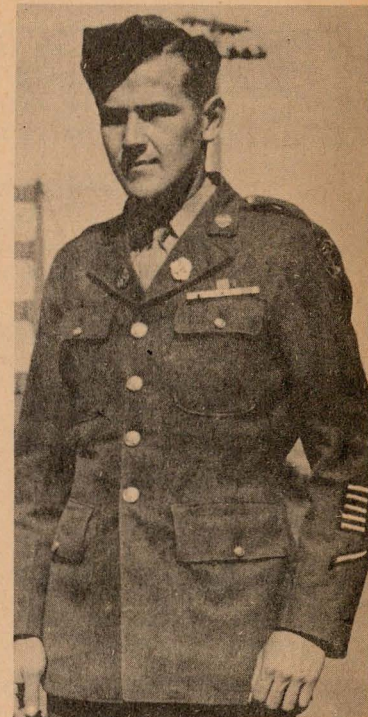
At the age of 19, Birchess took his basic at Ft. Slocum, N. J., and then went to Hawaii by way of Panama. The memorable morning of Dec. 7, 1941 found him sleeping the sleep of a Sunday peacetime soldier stationed at Ft. Kamehameha.

### Pearl Harbor

"At first the fellows thought they were pulling maneuvers. But not for long. When we saw the red circles of their planes and the constant machine gun stitching along the roads we knew it was the real thing."

"One of the Jap planes crashed into an ordnance building close by and killed three soldiers. That night our outfit moved over to battle positions at Ft. Weaver and we expected to be in for some heavy shooting but the Japs didn't return."

In 1943 Birchess took off with a 155 mm. outfit for Canton Island some 1100 miles from Honolulu. He said that there was one coconut tree on the whole island which they finally removed because it added a



PVT. JOE BIRCHES

He got the Soldier's Medal

touch of lushness to an otherwise unadulterated dump.

### Movie Star Visits

Highlight of Canton was the time Joe E. Brown stopped off to shoot a game of craps with the boys. Birchess said the thing he could most certainly do without was distilled water.

"We had fresh water every day—fresh from the ocean. The fish had lived in it for so long we couldn't distill out the fishyness. The guys almost forgot which day it was—they all tasted like Friday."

Private Birchess hails from Shenandoah, Pa. His father and mother both passed away while he was overseas. Capt. Steven Birchess, an older brother, is in France.

Joe has been back in the states for about three months. When asked how he liked being home after almost four years in the Pacific, he answered, "I'm still 1-A and I want a crack at the Jerries."

Private Birchess is waiting for a transfer to the paratroops.

## Gal Flyer New Car 'Pilot'



Lt. and Mrs. Robert Thomas

A bit of zip, dash and glamour was added to the post headquarters staff car drivers group a week ago when Mrs. Margaret Thomas, an ex-Ferry Command pilot and champion woman skier, took over the wheel of car No. 6.

Mrs. Thomas, who was born in Honolulu, T. H., and attended Punahou High School there until 16, flew for the Army Air Corps as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots for over two years.

The 21-year-old flyer, a former Fresno State College, Calif., co-ed, received her initial instruction at Harvey's Flying Field, Blythe, Calif., then went to Avenger Field, Sweetwater, Tex., for her Ferry Command basic training, after which she was assigned to Cochran Field, Macon, Ga.

The attractive driver has more than 850 flying hours to her credit, including both Army and commercial time. She has flown almost every type of known aircraft from a Piper Cub to a C-47 transport but admits "I like to fly the B-17 the best."

The lithe air-gal also served as test pilot and instructor for the WASP and acted in that capacity until the WASP was disbanded last December.

As a skier and top-flight member of the Yosemite Skiing Association while a Fresno State co-ed, she was being groomed for the National Ski championship at Lake Placid when the flying bug bit her. She is an all-around athlete—swims, rides, bowls and plays basketball.

While in Georgia, Margaret met Robert Thomas, a young, dashing flyer. They were married five months ago and had an eight day honeymoon. Lieutenant Thomas is now doing important flying chores in Europe.

### KEEP MOVING

Since Nov. 9, Lt. Ramond Albano, former ranch foreman of Emall, Idaho, has been credited with killing 82 Germans, capturing 31, knocking out 21 machine guns, two 88 mm cannon and two 20 mm guns. CNS describes his formula as: "Keep moving, keep firing, but especially keep moving."



"TC 87 WAS NEVER like this!" shouts a dogface with the Cavalry at Ft. Scott from this uncompromising position while he pedals away that fat around the midsection to make way for muscle.



T-5 Joseph Rogers, Ft. Scott

I like San Francisco weather very much . . . you can stand around in your shirt sleeves in February and that's quite a treat for most of us.



Dead Soldiers: Presidio

Row on row are soldiers sleeping  
In the dawning light,  
Reveillé for them no waking  
Now for them the night.

Barracked are from day of battle  
On a hill of green,  
Row on row are markers shining  
In the morning gleam.

Stirred are feet of soldiers sleeping  
By a thousand beat,  
Row on row of soldiers sleeping  
Stirred by marching feet.

Dulled for them are rows of rifles  
In the gleam of light,  
Furled for them their battle banners,  
Now for them the night.

Cyril Sunderland, Somh 2/c,  
Navy Det., Ft. Scott.

One Man Army  
Overseas Gunner  
Tells About 155s



No wonder the Nazis are losing.  
One of the B-172d, Ft. Barry,  
Southern enlisted men, recently re-  
turned from overseas duty in France  
and well known for his tall tales, re-  
turned from an obviously successful  
pass the other night and told a har-  
rowing epic which had a heckling  
audience stopped.

Explaining how he manned a 155  
Long Tom alone, he eulogized:  
"Ah opens the gun, ah puts in a  
big shell, powder and primer. Then  
ah closes the breech, lines up the  
sight, pulls the lanyard, steps back  
and says, 'Mistah Hitlah, recount yo'  
ahmy!'"

COMPRESSED WHEATIES

Compressed, pre-mixed and pre-  
cooked cereals in dry form, now an  
item of the new 'C' combat ration,  
have met with such general approval  
that they have been developed for  
inclusion in the 'K' ration.

DEFINITION:

Diplomacy—the art of letting  
someone else have your way.

Wrong Address  
Cause Delays,  
Declares NSC

News concerning men overseas,  
of vital importance to their families,  
is often delayed unnecessarily due  
to failure of dependents to notify  
the War Department of changes in  
address, the Ninth Service Com-  
mand Adjutant General's office, de-  
clared recently.

In one month as many as 4,000  
telegrams were returned to Wash-  
ington, DC, because the addressee  
could not be found, official reports  
reveal. Practically every case of  
non-delivery was due to failure of  
the addressee to report the correct  
and complete address.

In keeping records of America's  
millions in service, The Adjutant  
General's office accepts the respon-  
sibility of notifying families as soon  
as possible after a serviceman has  
become a casualty.

Receiving this news late, or from  
other than official sources, is a  
great hardship to a soldier's family.  
Telegraph offices receiving messages  
for delivery cooperate fully in at-  
tempting to locate addressees and  
exhaust every possible means prior  
to returning them to the War De-  
partment.

However, it is necessary to return  
thousands stamped "ADDRESS IN-  
CORRECT."

Emergency addresses who have  
moved after departure of a soldier  
for overseas duty, or for other rea-  
sons, are urged to inform The Ad-  
jutant General's Office, War De-  
partment, Washington 25, D. C.,  
Attention: Casualty Branch.

Both new and old addresses  
should be given in addition to the  
soldier's full name, rank, serial  
number, organization, and his APO  
number.

Many a gal has gotten first hand  
information in a second-hand auto-  
mobile.



"IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME," avers T-5 Glen Kuskie, "even if it means hanging out the wash for mom." Here Kuskie, veteran of Bataan, five Jap prison camps and survivor of a torpe-  
doed Nip prison ship, does just that as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuskie, look on at  
their Ft. Barry defense housing home. His dad is a fireman at Ft. Barry. (Photo by GGG.)

Kuskie Survives 1,000 Days of Jap Hell

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The Big Payoff

T-4 Louis Licht was on duty at  
the Ft. Scott finance office recently  
when a meek-looking T-5 sauntered  
up, asking for back pay.

Licht's eyes practically bugged  
out of his head when he saw that  
the young GI at the pay window  
had more than \$3,000 coming to  
him!

It was T-5 Glan Kuskie, three-  
year internee of a Jap prison camp  
just returned to the United States.

"One of the torpedoes hit right  
in the hold where we were all  
packed together.

"About the only thing I recall is  
that it seemed like an immense  
fire had burst right in front of my  
face. I would say about 450 of the  
prisoners were killed outright.

"The ship was broken in half,  
and sank within five minutes."

Chinese settlement from which they  
were evacuated in an American  
sub.

Kuskie had little to say about the  
'Death March of Bataan,' not be-  
cause he failed to remember what  
happened, but because the treach-  
erous events are still freshly im-  
printed in his mind even after three  
years.

Tossed Around

The 23-year-old soldier asserted  
that the next thing he knew he was  
in the water along with 300 other  
churning and stunned Yanks. Kus-  
kie started swimming to get away  
from the sinking ship, but looked  
back to see many of his buddies  
dragged to their deaths by the  
suction of the sinking vessel.

"I was detailed along with sev-  
eral buddies to bury Filipino re-  
sistors on the march. Some of them  
were still alive, but we were forced  
to at the point of bayonets to bury  
them, anyway. It was the worst  
thing I've seen in the war."

Disease-ridden and starving sol-  
diers were bayoneted at will, Kus-  
kie said.

Lots of Honors

The affiable corporal was decor-  
ated twice with the Presidential Ci-  
tation for his heroic fighting on  
Bataan. He was awarded a third  
Presidential Citation in Washing-  
ton, D. C. last month for his part  
in helping to rescue survivors from  
the torpedoed Jap ship.

Kuskie still is not certain how  
many ribbons, stars and other bits  
of decoration he is eligible to wear,  
but he does have the Purple Heart,  
two Bronze Stars and the Combat  
Infantryman's Badge.

Large Clan

The returning hero has five  
brothers and five sisters, two of  
which are in the service. Kenneth,  
25, is a petty officer on an aircraft  
carrier and was one of the sailors  
to be rescued when the ill-fated  
carrier, 'Hornet,' was sunk earlier  
in the war. Dale, 24, is a private  
in the MP's at Ft. Missoula, Mont.

When his 90-day furlough is  
completed in mid-April, Kuskie is  
to report to Camp Beale for re-  
assignment. He wants to become an  
aerial gunner in the Air Corps.

During his three-month furlough  
the Bataan hero is working in the  
shipyards at Sausalito.

Prisoner War Labor  
Saves Crops, Money

Prisoner of war labor employed  
in agricultural fields of the Western  
States earned the government \$1,-  
719,176.48 during a six months  
period, it was announced recently  
by NSC.

It was disclosed that several  
thousand interned enemy soldiers  
earned that amount by working  
626,616 man-days harvesting crops.

In several instances, the report  
said, prisoner of war labor was  
responsible for saving important  
harvests, including sugar beets, po-  
tatoes, tomatoes and cotton crops  
in Montana, Idaho, California and  
Arizona, respectively.

Prisoner of war labor is furnished  
only if free labor is not available in  
an area and only under the pro-  
visions of the Geneva convention.

Paratroopers Color  
Foxhole Residence

To the barbaric, dreary jungle of  
Leyte a startling bit of prewar color  
and glamour was added by the 11th  
Airborne Division troops, shortly  
after they moved in on the Japs and  
set up light foxhole-keeping.

Comfort, not glamour, was the  
idea which prompted the troopers  
to utilize the brilliantly colored sup-  
ply chutes in lining their foxholes  
for warmth and protection from the  
elements.

The tiny airstrip on which the  
11th's jeep planes land is flanked by  
these rainbow hued, bell-shaped  
shelters caused no end of comment  
among the airmen who refer to the  
set-up as the "Million Dollar Village"  
or "Carnival City."

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"Yes, my son, many a skirt is torn  
between love and duty."

MORBID MERTIE

She's only a gravedigger's daugh-  
ter, but you ought to see her lower  
the beer!

WD Abandons 300 Army Installations

More than 300 Army post, camps  
and stations, or portions thereof,  
comprising 2,786,000 acres of land  
owned or leased by the War De-  
partment, have been returned to  
their original owners, transferred to  
the Navy and other government  
agencies, or certified to surplus pro-  
perty disposal agencies, the WD an-  
nounced recently.

The abandonment of these instal-  
lations by the Army does not mean  
that the war is almost over, it was

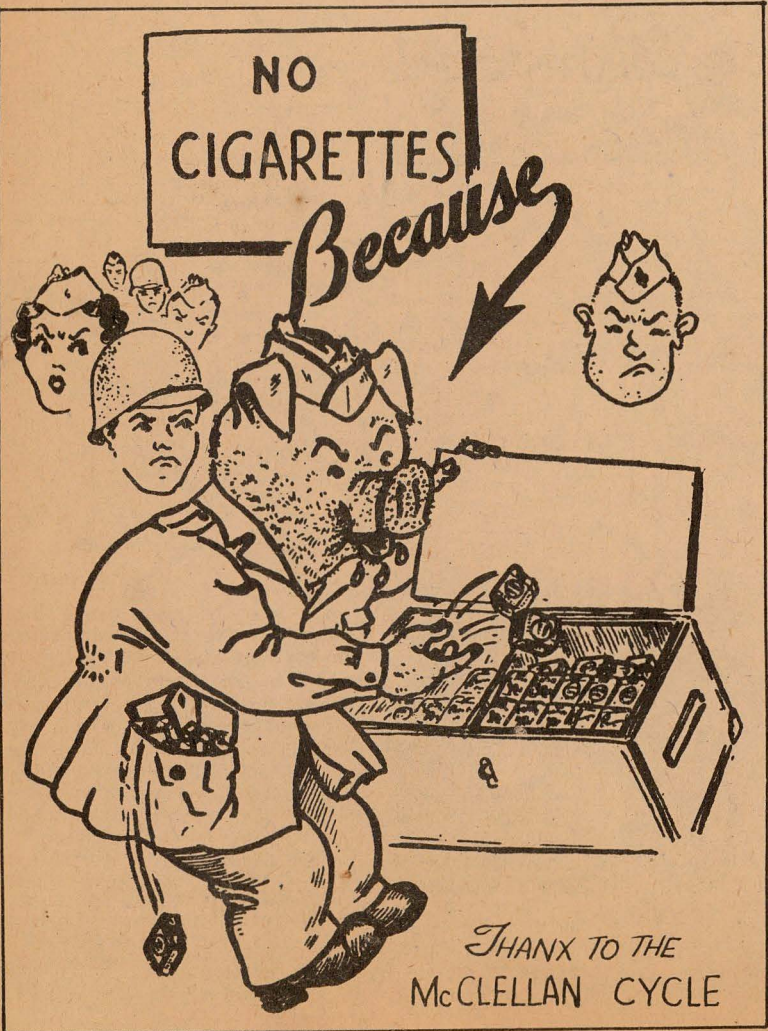
emphasized. Rather, it signifies an  
orderly shift of operations from the  
defensive of 1942 to the current of-  
fensive.

BAD, BAD GIRL

And then there was the sailor  
who caught his gal out in a canoe  
with a Marine. He paddled her back.

FASHION NOTE

Young ladies will be wearing the  
same things in sweaters again this  
season.







CANDID GLIMPSES of the various shop departments in the Ordnance Repair and Maintenance: (1) Sgt. Al Grady lowers the chain tackle in the machine shop; (2) adjusting a fire control instrument by Cpl. Dunc Talbot; (3) George Klingler and Pfc Don Dinsmore operate a radial press drill; (4) repairing delicate mechanisms is the specialty of T-5 Ken Eberle; (5) shop veterans Karl Koch and Charles Sizemore, instrument and optical technicians, pictured at their work benches and (6) Pfc Cary Parish, Mr. Leo Petersen and Pvt. Wallace Wood repair a salvaged gun mount. (Photos by GGG.)

## Goldbricking at Minimum at Scott Ordnance

By Pvt. Al Torres

"There is no time for goldbricking around here," said Mr. Gene Schlueter, foreman of the Ft. Winfield Scott Ordnance Maintenance Shop, recently when asked about the ordnance work program.

Mr. Schlueter, who has been working in the Ft. Winfield Scott Ordnance Department for six years, was referring to the many types of small and massive jobs his department has been handling since the war began.

**Specialists**

Just about anything mechanical from a tiny wristwatch, the size of a thumbnail, to a mammoth seacoast 'Big Bertha' has been repaired, modernized and processed at the Ft. Scott Ordnance Shop.

Training civil and military per-

sonnel for overseas service has been a recent addition to the usual maintenance and repair work done at the shop. To date 216 ordnance technicians that have been trained here are serving with our armed forces on all fronts.

The shop is divided into three specialized units—armament shop, small arms and the instrument section.

All jobs too big to be brought in are serviced at the armament emplacement by mobile units.

One of these units, a complete machine shop on wheels, has a drill press, hydraulic press, a lathe, and also an assortment of power tools. This unit on a major assignment uses a six man crew.

Another 'pride of the shop' is the

mobile welding unit, an actual example of the mechanics' ability and efficiency. Blueprinted to contend with any welding job requiring electric or acetylene, this unit was designed and assembled by the shop's technicians.

On the main floor, a small arms department is maintained for the upkeep and inspection of all small arms and mounts.

**Mobile Unit**

This department is also responsible for inspection and repair of the California State Guard weapons. Periodical inspections tours are made by Lt. F. A. Hall and a party of small arms experts.

On the second floor above the main machine shop is the instrument section.

Here skilled specialists work on the more delicate parts of the various fire control systems used by our combat troops. Routine work that can be publicized is the repairing and re-aligning of binoculars and telescopes of types, height finders, AA directors and other fire control equipment.

The skill and technical knowledge of the instrument section specialists has often been used to a great advantage by the Marine Corps and Navy Dept. on some of their more complicated problems.

In the same section, a separate department is set up to handle time control devices, watches and clocks of all descriptions ranging from the small wrist watch to a destroyer's chronometer.

## Hotel for All Servicewomen

Big boon to servicewomen pass, furlough or awaiting orders is the Hotel for women at Jones and Market downtown San Francisco.

Here the Wac, Wave, Spar or Lady Marine may find lodging for one night or several nights in an airy, well lighted room for less than \$1 a day.

The hotel boasts of many facilities to make it comfortable and convenient for the servicewomen among which are listed bath tubs, showers, all modern plumbing, large, attractive foyer where visitors may be entertained and pressed and darning equipment.

The hotel was planned and is managed by members of the Navy Aid Auxiliary. Upwards of 200 women a night can be accommodated.

In conjunction with this N.A.A. project is a two story structure located along the beach front near Playland which is for the wives and children of Navymen who may find temporary shelter there while seeking residence in the Bay Area. This home can accommodate about 40 mothers and 10 tots.

Full particulars may be obtained at The Golden Gate Guardian office at Ft. Scott, phone 3687.

### HQ MALE ROOM

At a recent shoot Pfc Peyton Winn and a sergeant had a little discussion on endurance, each claiming he could outdo the other on a forced march.

To settle the argument, Peyton said, "There is no need in smoking your tonsils, Sarge, I've followed a plow in the field all my life and you know what kind of endurance you need to keep up with that."

"Yes, but were you ever a salesman in Chicago for three years?" Sarge retorted. "Boy, you don't know what endurance is."

Pfc Dick Fitzgerald is much more than a sanitary engineer for Bldg. 13—he's becoming a master of the modern dance. Dick's pass days are



spent at dancing school.

The phone call Cpl. Joe Scott received at his outpost a week ago still has him reeling. It was a girl—10 lb. 13 oz. Mother and baby doing fine.

It was wedding bells and all the trimmings for T-5 Alex Kramer and Lola last Saturday 'somewhere' in San Mateo County. Al had many of his squad room cronies around to witness the nuptial proceedings.

T-5 Carl Steen, the battery postman, startled customers last week by hinting at a merger soon with 'The Gal' back in Ohio.

Pfc Chill attests to this one: T-5 Art Leiser, bass thumping zanie of the Harbor Defense Band, was attending a dark room class at Galileo Evening School last week when a charming miss asked Art if he wouldn't show her how to load a developing tank. Would he? Sure. The first thing of course is to get in the dark room. After shyly peeking into the pitch black interior, the girl said: "Say, corporal, wouldn't it be alright to demonstrate with the lights ON?" Sometimes a girl has to choose between learning photography and trusting a soldier.

## Gas Coupons Given Job Seeking Vets

Special gasoline rations to aid in re-employment of war veterans has been authorized by the OPA in cases where an automobile must be used to travel to a job interview.

In each case it must be clearly shown that the trip is necessary and that no other method of transportation can be used.

Mileage allowance will be limited to not over 400 miles in any 30 day period and the person applying must present proper credentials from specific agencies or unions.

**BIG BUILD-UP**

Appearances are deceiving. Many a gal puts up a swell front in society but is a flat bust at home.

**KEYHOLE COMMANDO**

A peeping tom is a wolf window shopping.

## 'Type O' Blood Urgently Needed to Save Wounded

Thousands of our buddies will die needlessly on bloody Iwo Jima if they do not get whole blood immediately.

This grim statement was made by both the Twelfth Naval District and the Red Cross Procurement Center of San Francisco this week, who are making an extremely urgent plea for 'Type O' blood.

Only 'Type O' blood will be procured within the next few weeks and all those in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay Region with this type blood are summoned to aid their fallen comrades.

Giving blood is no ordeal. There is seldom any pain and the pint of blood a healthy individual donates will definitely cause no ill effects.

Every person that goes to donate his blood at the Red Cross Blood Bank is thoroughly screened and only those qualified to give blood are accepted.

Those within the command have generously accepted previous challenges when it came to donate blood to save lives of fighting men. The challenge is on again and we do not intend to let those Yanks down.

Every soldier, sailor and civilian employee with 'Type O' blood is urged to get in touch with The Golden Gate Guardian (Phone WEst 6111, Ex. 3687) immediately so that appointments may be arranged at the Blood Bank.

Transportation will be furnished.

**DONATE YOUR BLOOD TODAY. SAVE A LIFE TOMORROW.**

## What? No Charge For Boiling Egg?

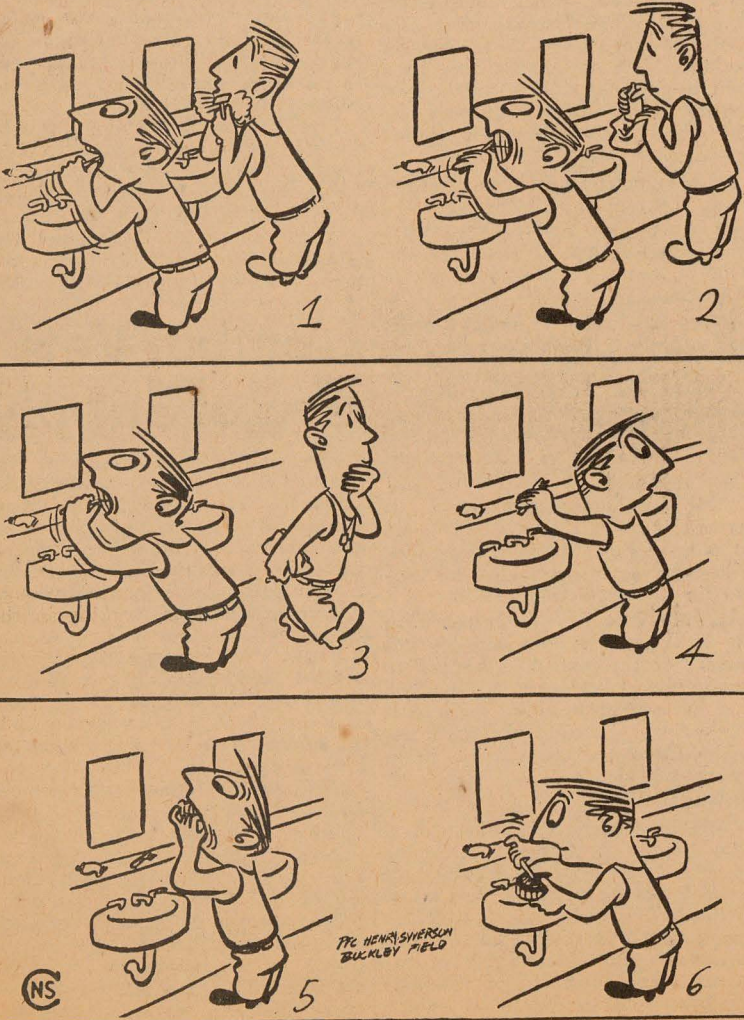
This sign appears at a roadside inn on the road to Los Angeles, Calif., to explain to the wary citizenry the high cost of hard-boiled eggs, according to the Camp Haan Tracer:

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Charge for egg.....     | .03        |
| Withholding tax.....    | .01        |
| Rooster service.....    | .03        |
| Wear & tear on hen..... | .02        |
| Sales tax.....          | .01        |
| <b>TOTAL COST.....</b>  | <b>.10</b> |

## Forty Percent of Men 28 Rejected by Army

The relationship between a man's age and his fitness for military service is pointed out by a recent survey conducted by Selective Service.

Of men called up at age 28, 40.3 per cent were rejected. It was slightly over 50 per cent for those 34 years of age, and 59.1 per cent for men age 38. For those 44 years old the percentage of those turned down was 63.2 per cent while among students in the lower age bracket the rejection rate was 25.7.







"HOW'S ABOUT A DATE TONIGHT, soldier? And I'll wear this pretty flower in my hair," says tasty Martha O'Driscoll of Universal Pictures. The line forms to the right, men.



"Will you sign this requisition for 20 feet of rope, Sir?"

#### 'Dean' Predicts 'Big Two' To Dominate Next Century

For many years Englishmen have heard with interest the pessimistic utterances of the Very Rev. W. R. Inge, Britain's gloomy dean.

Last week, writing in the London Evening Standard, he made a fresh contribution. Inge predicted that 100 years hence there would be only two first class powers—Russia and a union of the English-speaking nations "with the United States a predominant partner and England the much-respected grandmother."

#### HOW TRUE!

Sign in a Louisville tavern: "A pinch of salt may be greatly improved by dropping it in a glass of beer."

#### 'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX

By T-5 John Woodall

T-5 William Murdy tied the knot during a recent three day pass. He has been living in a blue heaven ever since. When asked his first General Order, Murdy replied, "to love, honor and obey." A man in love is hardly to blame. The all-around athlete of Btrv. 'A' cut his honeymoon short to travel to Camp Stoneman with the Harbor Defense basketball team and take part in the playoffs. He found time to pass out the cigars before leaving.



Pvt. Mathews Hansen has been cultivating a mustachio that is between the stages of the latest Hollywood nose duster and a Governor Dewey model. This should solve the problem of the scarcity of GI brushes in the kitchen. There is plenty of brush that could be used there.

Cpl. LuVerne Knief succeeded in matching the recent midnight episode of T-5 Roy Teal. Knief caused the medics a hurry call and woke up in the Ft. Baker Hospital minus his appendix. Now the two buddies can spend their convalescent days discussing their operations.

Friend of every working man who stays in nights to enjoy the relaxation of the battery day room is Cpl. Victor Janueski. With no strings attached, Victor will walk in, his arms stacked high with PX hamburgers and distribute them amongst those present. A truly benevolent gesture.

## Combat Vets Tell of Supply

Five artillerymen from the 1st, 9th and 3rd Armored Divisions, detailed by General Eisenhower to deliver a national message of the urgent need for ammunition, were received in Washington by Undersecretary Patterson last month.

This special detail has since been touring the nation talking to war workers about their experiences in combat and carrying out General Eisenhower's command to "go home and tell them just what you were up against because of the ammunition shortage."

As a result of these talks a "production urgency" program, supervised by Brig. Gen. E. H. Marks, 8th Service Command, is spurring a nationwide drive to keep supplies moving.

This program includes bringing soldiers direct from the battlefronts to emphasize the need for materiel and giving enlisted men an opportunity to work on the production lines during their furloughs.

## Filipino's Brave Death for Yanks

The people of Manila were so glad to see the American boys they braved sniper fire to bring them coffee. Sgt. Dick Hanley of Yank, The Army Weekly, which may be picked up tomorrow at the PX, reports that they would approach battle-weary veterans crouching in combat positions and ask, "Coffee, sir?"

Infantry veterans would reply, "Better watch out, Joe, you can get hurt out here." The Filipinos would answer, "We are so happy to see you, we would gladly die for you."

The GI would take the cup, smile at his friend, gulp down the contents and turn his gun again in the direction from which he thought a Jap bullet might come.

## Cow Enters Booby Trap Makes Cow'saulty' List

Recently individual soldiers began to be named in daily official summaries of the Italian campaign but it was not until this week that a cow came into them. In the 8th Army sector east of Alfonsine, it was solemnly reported that "a cow entered a booby-trapped house, which blew up," according to INS.

Eighth Army troops presumably were attempting to salvage a beefsteak.

#### SLIT-TRENCH ESQUIRE

To the well dressed soldier, a suit of fatigues is a foxhole with buttons.

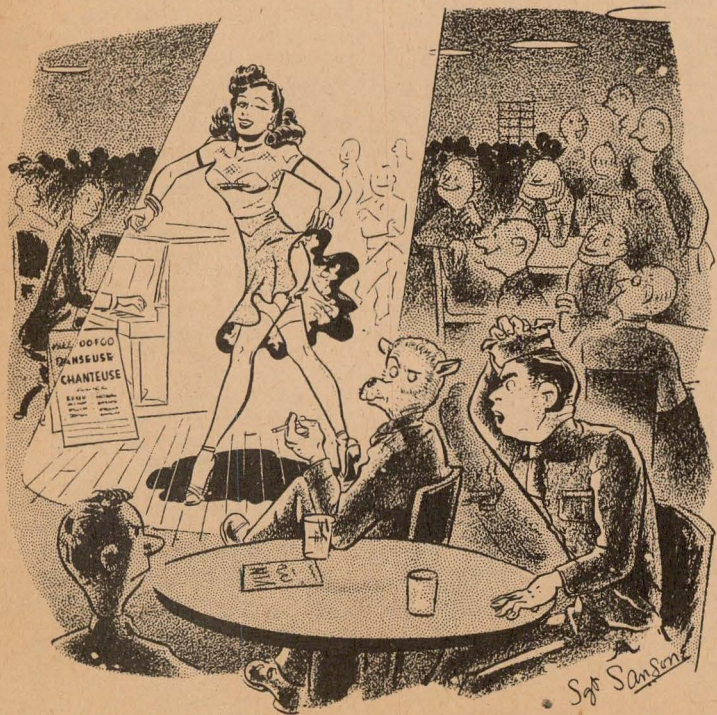
#### ABOUT TIME, NEL

She has been asked to get married innumerable times—by her parents.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"—oh, let's get out of here! I don't understand a word of French!"



T-3 Charlotte Schneller somewhere in Dutch New Guinea writes: "We certainly had some fun and excitement over here. Two Wac friends of mine were married at a double wedding."

"One couldn't have asked for anything more romantic and adventurous. A small chapel off the side of the main road which was nothing more than a bamboo hut with rugged branches decorated with palms and tropical foliage."

"Gosh, if I were a story teller I could really write a swell one about this double romance. Two girl friends meet two nice soldiers from the same outfit, rotation is on the way for the boys so decision has to be made quickly. An approval is obtained from both CO's and the Wac director permits the brides to wear their tropical uniforms which made them look like brides in white after wearing trousers for so long."

"Pronounced man and wife, they took off in their chariot, a ¾-ton truck with a box for a step ladder and a just married sign on back. Everyone threw homemade confetti. Take my word for it—it was a swell wedding, the highlight of the Guinea season."

Lt. Kenneth Rodriguez with an Infantry outfit on Luzon V-mails the latest from P. I.: "This country is very much like eastern Colorado. I have become acquainted with a number of Filipinos as I'm out along the roads a lot putting in telephone lines. They surely treat us fine."

"They go for our canned rations in a big way and it's O.K. with me because we go for their fresh eggs, tomatoes, bananas, eggplants, beans and peppers. There are plenty of chickens (fried if you want them) and Nipa, a native wine made from the palm of the same name."

"The Japs treated the natives rather badly. Practically all the small children are naked or wear only a

shirt which just covers the navel. The older people are pretty hard up for clothes too and go around in gunny sacks."

T-5 Edward Marcinkoski informs old Scott chow-hounds that he is serving up chef specials in Alaska: "Yes, I'm still cooking up here, as a matter of fact I have the job now of feeding the midnight raiders, so I sleep by day as they chow by night. I wish there were some females up here but I'll make up for it when I get back to 'Frisco."

"It may not sound GI, but I really haven't any gripes. I'm living like a king in my own hut up here with a radio and all my favorite pin-ups. What more can a fellow ask for in these times?"

Wac Cpl. Irene Boyda, former mail orderly at Hqds. Co. now doing duty in the Southwest Pacific, tells her pals: "The jungle is just like the Tarzan pictures without Lamour. At night this place makes a person feel creepy and some of the strangest noises come out of the woods."

"Oh, yes, dates are plentiful but here's the catch. If and when we do go out we must be in groups. The fellows have to be armed. This they say for self-protection."

Lt. Philip Andrews, wounded in the Nazi push on Belgium, writes home: "At the moment I happen to be perched precariously beside a bed in a general hospital in Paris. Just another war casualty trying to recover from a concussion in the head, chest and ears. It all happened Christmas night."

"We had been on the line and were having a pretty tough time when all of a sudden the vehicle in which I was riding hit a land mine."

"I'm still a little foggy about the details but eventually gained consciousness and started taking inventory. Found to my amazement that I was still intact and all in one piece."



# BOOK MARKS

New books received at the Ft. Scott Library include:

**CANNERY ROW, By John Steinbeck**  
All about a few streets of Bowery in Monterey, Calif., of Author Steinbeck's imagination. It is inhabited by gentle, poetic Filipinos, Mexicans, sardine fishermen, artists, writers, big-hearted prostitutes and understanding bums.

There is the grocery store of Lee Chong, who sells clothing, food, fire crackers and a wonderful four-months old whiskey. There is the Palace Flophouse and Grill, inhabited by Mack and his friends, gentlemen and philosophers united by a common dislike of a steady job and a mutual feeling for the pleasures of living according to their lights.

There is the busy house presided over competently by Dora, the orange haired madame and finally Doc, around whom the story whirls—Doc, who runs the marine laboratory and collects everything from frogs and sick puppies to children and lost souls.

**THE GREAT SHORT NOVELS OF HENRY JAMES**  
Edited by Philip Rahv

Here is a handy 799 page package containing some fine examples of the late American at home in London—James' genius. Ten stories are included plus Rhav's succinct biographical note and appraisal of James.

The introduction to the author contains the bright "Daisy Miller" that gave a generation of American girls a sense of their own vivacity, and the horror story, "Turn of the Screw," said to be "the most terrifying story in the English language."

Typical of James' humor and his appreciations of international dilemmas is the "Siege of London," in which the audacious, much-divorced American Mrs. Headway, well known in San Diego and snubbed by New York crashes London society, marries a baronet much younger than herself, frustrates her dowager mother-in-law, becomes an enormous success.

From here on Dear Reader you paddle your own canoe up the Thames.

**BRAINSTORM, By Carlton Brown**  
Mike Jones was the child of divorced parents. He lived in puritanic simplicity with his Ma and enjoyed the fleshpots of Brail and Europe with his Pa. As a young man he slashed his wrists ineffectually over a faithless mistress and at 27 he was married and a pre-Pearl Harbor father.

He drank too much, spent too much and liked to quarrel with his wife. Life seemed intolerable until the summer of 1940 he fell on his head and proclaimed the Second Coming at the N. Y. World's Fair. Taken to the city hospital for examination he was later transferred to a state hospital where he was cruelly beaten for a supposed misdemeanor.

In a few weeks without further treatment he was released, which was a tough break, for Mike was certainly never happier than as a refugee from reality. The author says, "This is a true story about a close friend who went out of his mind."

**GREAT SON, By Edna Ferber**  
Gaudy characters and lush living dominate this anti-isolationist novel of Seattle from 1851-1941. Four generations of "the marvelous Melendys—a frontier family grown rich and ill at ease"—face Dec. 7, 1941 together.

There is Exact Melendy—a great-grandame complete with Godey-book silks, medicinal rye, toy railroad and the finest view in all Seattle; her son Vaughn—a two-fisted taker in his day, and Emmy, his pneumatic wife, whose mother was a Mercer girl.

Then there's his son Klondike (Dike), born of Pansy, his violet-eyed Alaskan mistress, and offered to the world as his legal offspring and Lina, his wife—actress and full time cat. There's Cliff who writes her plays and spends his spare time burlesquing the ghost of Woollcott; Mike, a great-grandson and flying fool who loves Reggie, the simon-pure and inevitable refugee.

Finally there are a whole pile of Japanese servants who seem swell but don't fool us one damn bit.

## PATRIOTIC FELLOW

An earnest young soldier reports that he joined the Army for three reasons: "First, I wanted to fight to defend my country; second, I knew that it would build me up physically; third, they came and got me."



**MRS. MARGARET RODRIGUEZ** is shown with the uniform recently acquired by her as librarian of the Ft. Scott Library. A deep blue gabardine, it is reputed to be one of the Army's snappiest issues. The multi-colored shoulder patch of Army hostesses and librarians embody colors which represent each branch of the service. The Ft. Scott Library is open daily from 0830 to 2130 except Sunday. On Sunday the library opens at 1300 and closes at 2130. Photo by GGG.

## SCOTT WACS

If Pfc Rose Peskur is wearing a bit of a frown these days she has good reason to. Her boy friend is sending a puzzle, piece by piece with each letter. So far Rose is pretty much in the dark as to how the whole thing is going to turn out.

T-5 Gladys Fullbright just received a nice portrait of her Navy boy friend whose initial is V for Victor. The picture is taken in civilian clothes and Gladys says he looks even better in them than in his salty tailor mades.

Pfc Effie Lasher didn't come up smiling the other morning when she had on those new spankin' clean coveralls. Ready to go to work, the last minute her sleeve fell in the washbasin and got soaked.

Pvt. Dallice (Brownie) Brown likes a certain saxophone player so much she went to sleep in the dayroom the other evening waiting for a certain telephone call. No USO excuses will be accepted.

Speaking of phone calls Pfc Teresa (D-D) DeDominicis has been volunteering for CQ a lot lately and a number of the girls are complaining about not receiving certain priority calls. Particularly those involving handsome dinner dates. Well, D-D hasn't been losing any weight. As soon as La Far's Squad sends in their report we'll know the worst.

Top-kick Mabel La Far has been taking a little ribbing on account of the fact her middle name is Branch and the word is going around that when she marries and settles down and has children they will probably grow up to be a lot of little twigs.

Lt. Patrick (Mom) Elwell is looking for a sitter to stay in evenings with her two favorites, Puddy and Skippy, who are two of the liveliest pups on the post.

T-4 Kathleen Rogers is certainly keeping the identity of the mysterious but persistent suitor to herself, but the scouts did find out that it was ice hockey for two the other night.

Cpl. Irene Jones has been entertaining visitors from Los Angeles and by the time she finished showing them the town they were more convinced that there is really only one city in California and that's this Baghdad by the GG.

Pfc Daisy Tabery of the Post Finance Office is married to a lieutenant in the USN. The capable manner with which she makes up the payroll her husband won't have to worry about the post-war budget.

Pfc Dora Marsh has been eating too many Dagwood sandwiches before retiring and as a result is having a repetition of those old nightmares.

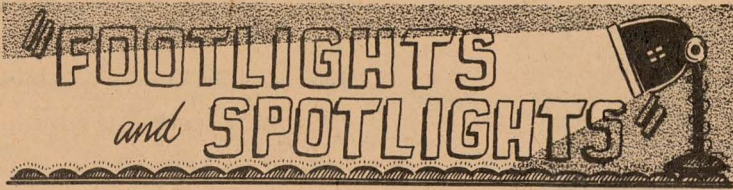
Welcome homes are in order for T-4 Carol Trophauer after a siege at the hospital while convalescent condolences are reserved for Pvt. Susan Booth who has successfully pulled through an appendectomy.

## Dogface Dunned for Bill Pays Off --- In Jap Pesos

Sgt. Arthur Dubin, Highland Park, Ill. (now in the Philippines), handed a midwestern railroad company an unusual jolt when he paid off his bill recently with Japanese currency.

It seems that the sergeant was back at the front with the 96th Division when he received a letter from the railroad company informing him that he was indebted to them for \$3.06 worth of furlough transportation . . . (in effect, to pay up 'or else').

The sergeant replied: "I appreciate your inconvenience, but, inasmuch as the Finance Department has not yet felt it safe enough to risk the taxpayers' money this far forward, I find it necessary to remit in the only cash available, captured Japanese invasion currency."



While playing the CBI overseas circuit, PAT O'BRIEN organized a baseball team. With Pat chucking them in, the team took on a nine, which had GENERAL CHENNAULT as their hurler. Patrick O'Brien is still gassing over his victory. . . . Butler-playing ARTHUR TREACHER has appeared in more than 150 films. . . . ROBERT BENCHLEY is doing



another one of those bowling "how to do it" shorts. This one is an added sequence to FRED ALLEN'S latest pic and is called "How to Catch Mice." . . . HARRY WARNER, studio exec and biggie, recently handed GENERAL MARSHALL the

seven millionth dollar bill raised through showing of the film "This Is the Army."

LEO McCAREY, who so aptly sponsored "Going My Way," has tendencies toward the legit stage. He figures to direct a troupe and play one of the local houses in S. F. . . . McCarey's next flicker encores "DER BINGLE" CROSBY with Ingrid Bergman in "Bells of St. Mary's." Ingrid is slated to play the role of a nun. . . . TONY MARTIN, one time celluloid chirp, is now a sergeant stationed somewhere in India. . . . DEANNA DURBIN will mix screams with her arias in a mystery-thriller titled "Lady on a Train."

TOM CONWAY was "on location" in S. F. two weeks ago. A sequence was shot in front of the Golden Gate Theater. Look for it in the next FALCON whodunit. . . . DICK HAYMES' next will be a super mu-

## EAGER BEAVER . . . . .

## Predicts

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach

Following will be a typical day at Eager Beaver home, Bungalo M1, when war is over and family is reunited.

At 0630 buzzer rings. Family falls out in front of house for roll call. All present and accounted for except sister Sue . . . she was out taking a night course in unarmed defense.

Nobody hurries to enter the house . . . mom's serving two chows. Brother Bill goes to work on his lathe . . . close order drill. Brother Jack pulls interior guard duty at the corner drug store while sister Sue is up in her room taking care of individual equipment.

Pop goes to work while remainder perform special duty jobs. Brother Bill goes to work on his lathe . . . close order drill. Brother Jack pulls interior guard duty at the corner drug store while sister Sue is up in her room taking care of individual equipment.

By 1200 dad is home and family lines up by kitchen door for lunch. Mom rings bell and yells "cover off" as we approach the table. Potatoes are a cinch . . . all of a sudden dad decides he doesn't like spuds.

At 1300 we assemble in the living room for orientation. Dad turns on the news. Baby Junior is also present . . . disregards the news but likes to listen to it fizz.

At 1330 comes Qualification with Individual Weapons . . . so dad takes off for the golf course. Mom spansks Junior and gives him a lecture on Sanitation and Hygiene. Sis leaves for Beauty Parlor School where she's taking a course in map reading. Being a little behind on the current film schedule I take off for the Orpheum Theater.

At 1700 the family is together again. After assembling in the living room for mail call dad suggests we all go for a ride. Bill makes out a dispatch and goes to the garage to get the car. We all sign out and drive away.

By 2100 we're back home. Bill wants to play the radio but can't . . . it's after 'lights out.' Dad makes a general check of the house . . . he's CQ for the night.

## Hershenow's Son Gets DFC

Wearing a broad smile of satisfaction around Camp McQuaide, Calif., this week CWO William Hershenow, leader of the ex-6th Coast Artillery band (now the 439th ASF band), reveals that his son, Maj. William Hershenow, Jr., has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

A squadron leader in the 8th Air

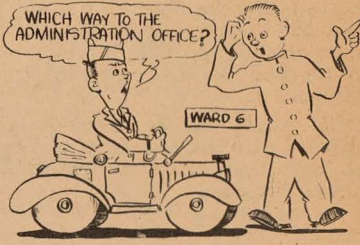
Force, stationed in England, Major Hershenow is in a Flying Fortress group which has been bombing Germany and before the invasion bombarded the occupied territories as well as the Reich with aerial bombs.

The DF was awarded for specific action over the German installations in France at St. Sylvestre, Bertreville and Toussus La Noble.

## BAKER MEDICS

When Lt. Phebe Gould recently volunteered for overseas duty, the question of who would take care of Janie, her pooch, in case she could not travel on a train, was a matter of much concern. "I'll gladly take care of Janie," M/Sgt. Irving Wolff said. T/Sgt. Bill Koepke said he'll argue about who gets Janie—"after all, haven't I been giving her a bath every week?" It finally boiled down to a case of where Wolff had to pull his rank on Koepke to be apa to the dog.

T-5 Bob Evans decided he was wearing out too much shoe leather, so he bought an Austin to make trips from the orderly room to the front



office. He has named it "Hospital Company's Secret Weapon," or "V-?."

Cigars were the order of the day recently from Pfc Frank Bratek who claims an eight-pound daughter in Chicago and T-4 Ellsworth Madsen who is also bursting shirt buttons over a seven-pound-plus girl. Madsen was so nervous over everything that he was passing out broken cigars.

Cpl. Johnny Klipfell, the gopher-sleuth, is in the hospital sack with a recurrence of an old injury. It is reported he knows so much about himself that he can guess what the doc is going to do before the doc knows himself.

Cpl. R. P. Miller and T-5 Jack Duncan, recent overseas volunteers, have left for parts unknown. Miller vows that he is going to send Lt. Ernest Wille his "little red wagon" if he's got to tear up Tokyo to do it. That new puss in the pharmacy belongs to S/Sgt. Kurt Stone who reports to the Baker Rest Home after almost three years in the Southwest Pacific.

After rousting around Baker wards for quite some time, Pfc Pete Puglisi has been transferred to Hq. at Scott to work in the Scott PX. Pete likes his new job, but is wondering how he can get his wife over there, too.

Pfc Rollie Patterson finally got his much bucked CDD.

T-3 Chick Ackerman, dictator of Ward 14, has been thinking about organizing an ice hockey team to play the Gunners. To date he's got ex-Gunner players Gorton and James signed up. He'll call the club either the "Ward 14 Maple Leafs" or "Ackerman's Bone Crushers."

Baker sawbone officers had a little fling the other night. Plenty of fun was had by all.

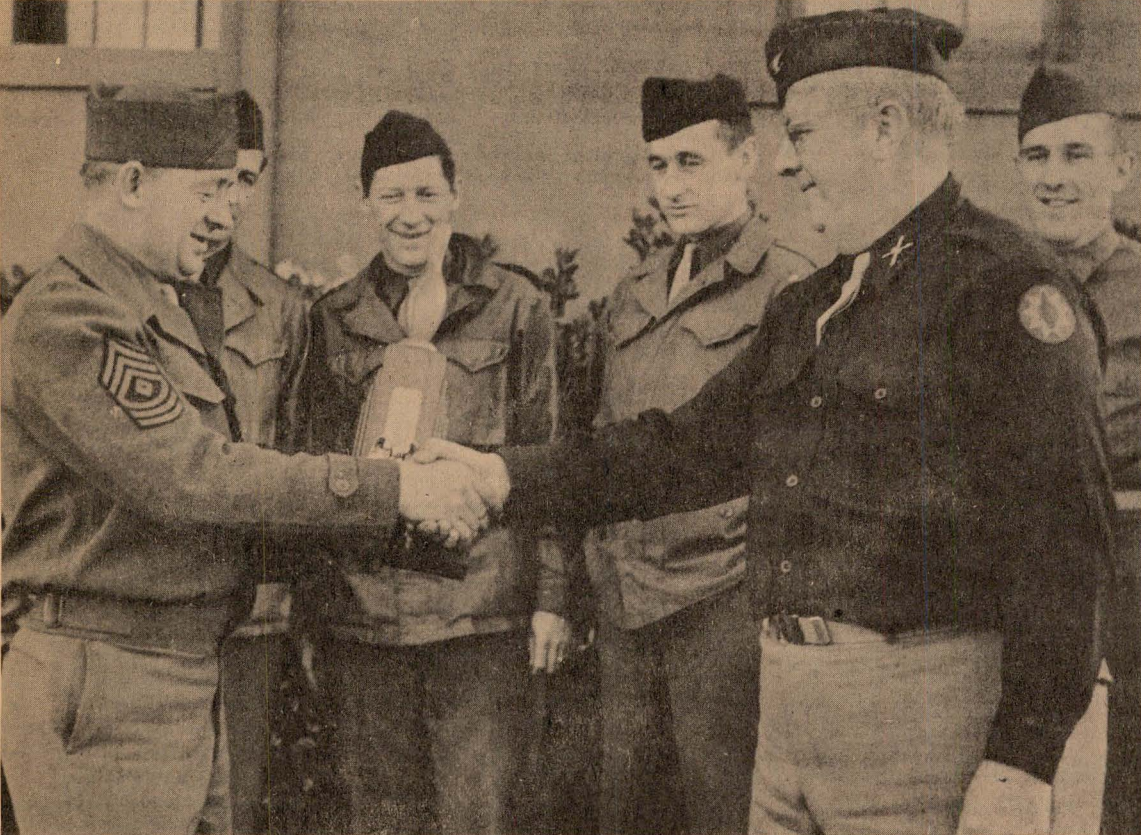




# Gunner Puckmen Battle Flyers for Title Saturday



## A-HDSF Nabs Harbor Defense Pin Crown



'GOOD JOB, MEN,' says Col. William F. Lafrenz, commanding officer of the Harbor Defenses, as he presents the HDSF bowling trophy to F/Sgt. Gustav Schmidt for the A-HDSF pin quint which won the title. Left to right, S/Sgt. Hugh Dantzer, T-4 Frank Dvorasek and Cpl. Ed Dmochowski. Partially hidden by Schmidt is Sgt. Bill Ehlers. The bowling tourney was sponsored by the Post Athletic and Recreation Office. (Photo by GGG.)

## Schmidt Turkeys Out Twice as Scott Bowlers Crush B-174th Five to One

Bowling champions of the Harbor Defenses for 1945 are kegglers of A-HDSF, Ft. Scott, after grinding B-174th into the alleys, five games to one, but they can thank their lucky stars that F/Sgt. Gus Schmidt was hotter than the inside of a smelting caldron.

The slight topkick turkeyed out on two different occasions to bring his team from almost certain defeat to hairline wins.

In the first contest at Ft. Scott, Schmidt slammed three consecutive strikes to give him team a 905 game while B-174th thought they had the game all sewed up with an 872. Five marks up going into the fifth frame of the second game on the second day's games at Ft. Baker, B-174th suddenly found themselves on the short end of an almost cinch win when Schmidt fired three more strikes to give 'A' the win with 905 to 'B's 893.

**Bakermen Cold**

B-174th, bowling the first day without the services of Kajewski who has been transferred out, found themselves cold in the first match with T-5 Bob Heissner and T-5 Leonard Winters the only kegglers to break 500. Heisser rolled 548 and Winters 523.

Sgt. Martin Starbuck proved to be way off form as he fired a weak 403 series, featured by five spits in his second game and four more in the third.

Schmidt racked up a 558 series,

with a 227 game to take high honors the first day, then grabbed a 572 series to star the second game, with a 202 game.

In the second game of the first day's bowling, both teams, handicapped with tough luck, rolled games of under 800. B-174th won, 771-732, but it was the lowest score tallied by both teams this year in competition. This particular game came up with 17 splits—nine for 'A' and seven for 'B.'

**CO Presents**

Col. William F. Lafrenz, commanding officer of the Harbor Defenses, presented the winning trophy to one of his organizations, A-HDSF, last Wednesday morning. The tournament was sponsored by the Post Athletic and Recreation Office. Members of the team included Schmidt, Sgt. Bill Ehlers, Cpl. Ed Dmochowski, T-4 Frank Dvorasek, S/Sgt. Hugh Dantzer, Cpl. Scali, Post A&R noncom monitored the team as league secretary.

B-174th's team members included Heisser, Starbuck, Winters, Pfc Bistry, Pvt. Bob Johnson and Sgt. Phil Sack. Winters was forced from competition the second contest when he was hospitalized. He was replaced by Sack.

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| A-HDSF  | 813 | 732 | 905—2450 |
| B-174th | 775 | 771 | 872—2418 |
| A-HDSF  | 834 | 905 | 836—2575 |
| B-174th | 776 | 893 | 792—2461 |

## Last Second Goal by DePaul Star Upsets HDSF Cagers in Tournament

A one-handed push shot from the corner of the court in the last 15 seconds of the game by T-4 Bill Ryan, former DePaul University star, proved to be the undoing of the favored Harbor Defense Gunner basketball team last week as they were nipped by Camp Stoneman, 37-36, on the Stoneman courts.

Stoneman, after edging HDSF, went on to whip Ft. Ord, 47-43, for the District playoffs and the right to go to Camp Beale this week for the Ninth Service Command finals.

The Gunners, led by T-4 Frank

Kennedy, ex-Phillips 66 star, who hooped 19 points, breezed to a 53-27 win over Benicia Arsenal the first night, then came back two hours later to reverse Camp McQuaide, 51-37. The following night they drew a bye, and on the next night lost their 37-36 game to Stoneman.

**Pooped Out**

Tired because of their previous game, the Gunners held the Ft. Ord team for three periods before weakening in the final stanza and

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### High Man

F/Sgt. Gus Schmidt, who spends on an average of five nights a week in some bowling alley around San Francisco, turned in second highest series in the opening rounds of the diamond medal city tournament with a 601.

Schmidt tallied games of 232-188-181 in his record. Frank Claverie holds top spot by a one-pin advantage, 602.

**Hoopmen Get Around**

Pfc Glen Engberg, first-string guard on the championship Hq-SCU basketball team last season, is currently with the QM "somewhere on the Burma Road," Sgt. Harland Hill is sweating out Fort Lewis.

## All-Star Bowler To Roll in HDSF

Frank Benkovic of Milwaukee, Wis., one of the all-time bowling greats, will open a personal appearance stay at Fts. Scott, Baker and Barry on Mar. 5 and 6 to give an exhibition of his championship pin-topping skill and to cross alleys with officers and enlisted men who will be invited to join him in a tempin combat.

Benkovic will also give free instruction on the proper use of the Brunswick Range Finder to add to bowling skill.

During the 1940-41 season, Benkovic compiled a season long game average of 223 for play in three leagues, and during the course of his bowling career has rolled 19 perfect 300 games and 28 299 games.

Other records include the ABC doubles titles in 1932-33 with marks of 1,358 and 1,415, respectively, the latter still standing as the all-time ABC doubles record. Benkovic holds the all-time all-events record for recognized competition of 2,259 for nine games.

His national ABC tournament record shows that he is third high for high averages during the last 15 years of tournament competition with a sanctioned average of 198.5.

Benkovic will be at Fts. Baker and Barry Mar. 5, and at Ft. Scott Mar. 6. Exact times of his appearances will be published in the daily memorandum tomorrow (Friday).

## Olson Scores Final Goal

Cpl. Lloyd Olson is the hero of the week as far as the Harbor Defense ice hockey team is concerned because the shifty Gunner forward countered the winning goal as the local team came four goals behind to whip the 4th Air Force pucksters, 7-6, last Sat. at Sutro's.

The hefty skater also led the HDSF club to a 10-3 rout of Western Defense Command Tues. night, Feb. 20, as he tallied three times.

Fans are still jibbering about the exciting finish the Gunners put on to beat the favored Flyers and at the same time to tie the Army Ice Hockey league up in a knot.

**Early Lead**

Fiedler, Hartel and Naylor each scored for the Flyers while Pfc Bill James tallied for the Gunners to bring the count to 3-1 at the end of the first period. The score was increased to 6-2 in favor of the Flyers in the second period when Abbott, Keating and Hauser scored for the airmen and James put in a solo for the HDSF.

Then the fun started. With two airmen in the penalty box at the first of the final period, the Gunners shoved in a brace of goals, one by Olson on an assist by Weber and the other on a solo by Weber. T-5 John Cablk, assisted by Olson, put the artillerymen within one point of the desperate Flyers. James knotted the count with less than two minutes to go on an assist from Lovegreen.

In a hard-fought, fast and rough overtime of 10 minutes, Olson registered the winning marker on a long solo shot from the side, hooking the corner past Flyer-goalie Lt. Bob Brown.

James was lost to the Gunners for the season when he sustained a dislocated elbow following a tussle on the ice in which all players rushed to James' rescue.

**Easy Win**

WDC pucksters proved an easier touch. Olson tallied the initial score less than two minutes after the game had started, followed by two more by Cablk before Bracken scored for the WDCers. Lovegreen tallied one more in the first period for HDSF.

Olson got two more in the second period and Lt. Martin Killory, a new addition to the club, snagged one and Maly surprised with a tally. In the final period, Schaefer and Killory scored for the HDSF and Petello came through with a solo for WDC.

## Ex-Scott Hoopster Tops U. S. Scorers

Pfc Gale Bishop, captain-coach of the Ft. Lewis, Wash., basketball team, and at one time stationed with Hq-SCU, Ft. Scott and assigned to the SSO tops the individual scoring parade among the nation's basketball quintets, both service and collegiate.

Bishop has rimmed 263 field goals and 103 fouls for the grand total of 629 points in 26 games.



FRANK BENKOVIC  
Better than Schmidt, even!

## Air Force Six Seeks Revenge; HDSF Star Hurt

Second—and most important—game of the three-game series to decide the champion of the Army Ice Hockey League is expected to play before a packed house Sat. night at 2000 at Sutro's Ice Rink when the rough Harbor Defense pucksters cross sticks with the disgruntled 4th Air Force sextet.

Gunners, who played the first game of the series last Tues. night, will be playing without the services of their star-captain, Pfc Bill James, who is in the hospital with a dislocated elbow. However, he is being replaced by Lt. Martin Killory, classy Navy Det. skater, who has been looking very good in recent contests.

The session should be a slam-bang, bloody affair. The airmen are not forgetting how the Gunners roughed their way to a 7-6 overtime win last week after they were enjoying a comfortable four-goal advantage going into the final period.

**Watch Olson**

Cpl. Lloyd Olson, HDSF wing, will be one of the artillerymen worth watching. Some would like to forget his 50-foot shot from the side that won the game at the last battle. As if Olson is not enough to worry about, there's still T-5 John Cablk and teeth-rattling Pvt. Don (Red) Weber who both play hard, fast games.

Flyers have their share of stars, too. Their goalie, Lt. Bob Brown, is one of the best in the game and his sensational saves always bring fans to their feet. Other top-flight players include Lt. Dave Naylor, ex-Canadian skater; Pfc Charlie Abbott, former Baltimore pro; Lt. Ed Nitsch, Princeton star.

Transportation will be furnished to the game, according to Maj. Vern H. Weatherston, team coach. Probable starting lineups include:

| GUNNERS  | FLYERS   |
|----------|----------|
| Clarkson | G Brown  |
| Cablk    | W Hartel |
| Olson    | W Abbott |
| Killory  | C Hauser |
| Weber    | D Naylor |
| Anderson | D Nitsch |

Spares: Gunners—Schaefer, Golden, Maly, Lovegreen, O'Brien.

## Gunner Five Drops PA Tilt

Missing enough set-up shots to sink the entire Jap navy, the Harbor Defense Gunners' campaign in the Pacific Association basketball tournament ended in disaster as they were clipped by a hot Roma A.C. outfit of Fresno, Calif., 52-41, at Kezar Pavilion last week.

The defeat eliminated the Gunners from any further competition in the PA tournament.

Cpl. John Moore, HDSF guard, put his mates in a brief lead when he hooped the first shot of the game, but a tying bucket by Roma pivot Kirlin knotted the count and the Fresnans went on to win handily.

In spite of the one-sided game, T-4 Frank Kennedy, towering Harbor Defense center, tanked 14 points to top his team's scoring. Kirlin was the evening's high-scoring ace with 23 points. Roma led at halftime, 24-17.

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| GUNNERS (41) | (52) ROMA A.C.    |
| Munn (8)     | F. (5) Sondergard |
| Tyc (6)      | F. (4) Saunders   |
| Kennedy (14) | C. (23) Kirlin    |
| Moore (5)    | G. (5) Rice       |
| Tucker (0)   | G. (11) Daniels   |

Subs: Gunners—Yakle (4), Murdy (2), Lipczynski; Roma—Rosana (4).

## Lion Bowlers Hot In San Rafael Loop

Ft. Barry Lion bowlers of B-172d are getting into the groove in the San Rafael bowling league after winning three consecutive contests and seven out of their last nine games.

T-5 John Pieper, with a 576 series, led the Barrymen to a three-nothing conquest of Busschart Auto, although T-5 Lowell Luken fired a 575 series and a high 244 game. The team rolled a high game of 947, scratch, to take the second game.

Luken was the big artillery in the Lions' two game to one win over Courthouse Creamery, rolling a 587 series and 224 game. Tobin snagged a 619 series to top the losers.

Pfc Howard Kafer's 525 was enough to lead the Barry quint to a two to one win over Cowles Paint in the other league contest.





Psychological warfare is not being waged by the Nazis alone.

Recently the Harbor Defense basketball team competed in the Ninth Service Command district playoffs at Camp Stoneman, and to say we were the victims of psychological warfare is a masterpiece of understatement.

We are not objecting to the loss of the games, but rather we protest the inequality of play evident between the various teams, to wit:

The first night the HDSF club was forced to play a game at 1800 and another at 2100.

No game was played at all the second night.

We were obliged to play two consecutive games the third night—both with strong teams, Camp Stoneman and Ft. Ord.

Such play is not consistent with the generally accepted manner of completing double elimination tournaments whereby sufficient time is allowed between games so that team members may recuperate;



Undue strain was placed on the local club by making them tournament favorites, when in truth it should have been Stoneman because it was discovered

that their club was composed of three ex-professional players and one all-star college player from DePaul U.;

Stoneman competition was not consistent with similar playoffs at Camp Beale where a single elimination tournament was held.

We maintain that the Stoneman and Beale eliminations should have been consistent—either single or double elimination one or the other. We aver that if time was a limited element at Stoneman then the playoffs should have been a single elimination; if double elimination, sufficient time should have been given between games even if it meant more nights of play or by running some of the games off in the mornings or afternoons.

We rest our case, yer honor.

**NOTES FROM THE CUFF:** Fists, skates and hockey sticks flew with wreckless abandon at the last meeting of the Gunners and the Air Force hockey teams. Midway in the third period a personal feud developed between Flyer defenseman Naylor and Gunner center James.

It was a minor fracas and no one was hurt. But kaboom! In the overtime James was out not only for a score but for Naylor's hide. It came a minute after Olson scored the winning goal, and James and Naylor went down, fists flailing. Result: James temporarily in the hospital with a dislocated elbow . . . Even Brig. Gen. Ralph E. Haines, a very interested spectator, jumped to his feet when things began popping. We bet he hated so see so many men make themselves limited service.

Speaking of the gen'ril, he was indirectly responsible for the Air Forces' defeat. Trailing 6-2 going into the final period, Maj. Vern Weatherston, team coach, gave the sextet a typical Rockne-talk, and to

## In Memoriam



"On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which, in other years, on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory"

General Douglas MacArthur

## Steen Rolls Hq-HDSF Class B Pin Victory

T-5 Carl Steen, with a high 158 average for 30 games, led Hq-HDSF maplemen to the South Bay championship of the Class B handicap bowling league last week, and at the same time prepared his mates for the HDSF Class B championship series with the Ft. Barry Lions of B-172d.

Steen clipped a total of 4747 pins to take high in that department, and also came through with a high 551 series and high 212 game. Close behind the bowling mail clerk were M/Sgt. Charles Sullivan and S/Sgt. Tommie Tomashunas with averages of 157.

Other team members included Cpl. John Proctor and T-5 Bob Armstrong.

A-174th took second place with Karnik's 144 average the top and A-HDSF trailed in third spot with Smith's 135 average the best of his bowler mates. Cannoneers of A-173d ended in fourth place despite Notari's robust 163 average, the best not only for his team but for the entire league.

B-6th, with Putnam's 138 average tops, took fifth and the struggling Wacs had little argument occupying the cellar. Pfc Theresa DeDominicis had a 122 average for the Scott Army-gals.

Hq. rolled high game of 945, high team series of 2777, including handicap.

Lt. Dick Clarkson, team goalie, in particular. "Relax," the major told Clarkson. "Forget the Old Man is up there watching you!" Clarkson went back to his net, played a great game, making many sensational saves . . . Clarkson is the general's aide.

Too much cannot be said about the great basketball playing of Pfc Ed Tyc up at the Stoneman playoffs. The muscular kid, just out of high school, never played basketball before he came into the Army. He plays like a veteran and was the coolest man on the court. His main fort is football, he sez, and was all set to enter one of the Big Ten colleges when 'greetings' came.

Laurels to Cpl. Amadeo Scali for a well-managed South Bay bowling tournament, albeit the good gent did pick up a few new gray hairs . . . and a posie to the Wacs for carrying on in spite of lop-sided reverses.

## MORE ON BASKETBALL

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losing, 64-47. The second defeat eliminated them from the tournament.

Kennedy grabbed high-point honors in three games, 19 against Benicia, 16 against McQuaide and 15 against Stoneman. He failed to score a point against Ord. Pfc Ed Tyc proved to be the high-scoring ace of the four-game series with 51 points. He was high-scorer of the evening against Ord, rounding 20 points from his forward spot.

The team, coached by Capt. E. O. Veselka, included Kennedy, Tyc, Cpl. John Moore, Pfc Junior Tucker, S/Sgt. Glenn Munn, Sgt. Al Beeckman, T-5 Bill Murdy, T-4 Jim Hollingsworth, Sgt. Norman Hibbard and S/Sgt. Jim Yakle.

Other scores chalked up in the playoffs included Ord 43, McQuaide 23; Ord 62, Knight, 18; McQuaide 32, Benicia 30; Stoneman 48, Ord 43 (first game).

## Tucker Paces Lion Cagers in Victory

With Pfc Junior Tucker contributing 12 points to the melee, the Ft. Barry Lion basketball team edged the Onoratos five, 24-23, to break even with one win and one loss in the Class C division of the San Francisco Recreation Dept. casaba loop.

The week before the Lions were dropped 55-37, by the Navy Post Office quintet.

In their game with the Onoratos, the losers led at the half-way mark, 15-12.

## Colorful Uniform For Hospital Wacs

Something new, bright and distinctive will be added to the Ft. Baker hospital Wacs' wardrobe in the near future when the QM replaces their present blue, cotton crepe uniform with a short sleeved dress of rose beige cotton print that resembles chambray.

First delivery of the dresses is expected shortly. Nine garments will be issued to each Wac technician, to be worn only while on duty.

These new uniforms will not be worn by officers.



T-5 JOHN CABLK has been turning in some sensational playing for the HDSF pucksters from his right wing spot. Cablk, former Chicago Hornet player, knows his way around an ice rink; witness his play sometime down at Sutro's. That should speak for itself.

## Schmidt Misses 700 Series By 7 Pins; Scott Takes Lead

Missing a select 700 series by a mere seven pins, F/Sgt. Gustav Schmidt personally shoved the Ft. Scott bowling team into first place in the Bay Area Bowling Tournament by whipping a strong Presidio quint, two to one, last Friday on the Ft. Mason alleys.

With soldier-bowlers standing around bug-eyed, Schmidt crashed games of 236-243-214 to tally a 693, highest in the league to date. In their first game of the evening, the Scott bowlers snagged a 970 team game, and rolled a total 2821 pinnage, both marks league highs in their respective departments.

Every Scott bowler cracked 500

but Sgt. Bill Ehlers who shot a 482, T-5 Bus Rowland got 570; Sgt. Martin Starbuck, 564; T-5 Bob Heisser, 512.

Letterman General Hospital was the victim of the Scott bowlers the week before as Schmidt and Rowland fired high 578 series to top the local team in their two game to one conquest. Rowland had a high game of 215.

Other series included Heisser, 490; Ehlers, 481; Deutsch, 476.

Scott ..... 886 839 878—2603  
Letterman .... 880 882 843—2605

Scott ..... 970 957 895—2821  
Presidio ..... 852 872 966—2690

## WACS AT BAKER

Pfc Doris Edwards, former member of the Ft. Scott Library staff, and now assigned as a medical lab technician at the Baker Hospital, thinks married life is simply wonderful and wears a perennial smile to prove it. Back on the job supervising the diets that get the boys back to work quickly and in good health, Cpl. Mary Butts returned recently from a ship christening in Portland, Maine.

What's this story we hear about that popular Mississippi Miss, Pfc Agnes Downing, being smitten with a certain sergeant? She's even been sending him five pound boxes of homemade pecan brown sugar patties. Say, and girls this will make you hold on to your hoops. He's a YANKEE.

T-4 Lillie Tomishoff, known as the gal who can do more things with potato salad than Major Bong can with a plane, has finally been snatched away from the familiar Scott scene of her early triumphs by the chow scouts of the Baker Station Hospital. "Salad, Amigos!"

Pfc Verl Peters and Cpl. Ruth Kitchell are really the exceptions to the rule. Both girls returned from furloughs and instead of lamenting the fact that it was all too short,

practically cried with joy on F/Sgt. Mary Moscatello's shoulder. "Never again, Mary," they sobbed. Can it be they like the Army that well, or is it certain somebodies they missed in "Happy Valley?"

T-5 Rosemary Barnes thinks that the Ft. Baker Motor Pool is just about the nicest place this side of heaven. Tommy is such a nice name too. Pfc Henrietta Machala and Pvt. Cleo Lathe are registered at the Oakland Regional Hospital Spa enjoying a convalescent rest while S/Sgt. Sybil Finch and Pvt. Olice Summerford are taking advantage of the reservations they made earlier at the Baker Hospital.

Fewer CQ's and more dance details is the unanimous consensus after the successful Service Club shin-dig last Thursday. Baker Wacs assisted as hostesses and a mighty good job they did too. Pvt. Bertha Matuszewski and Pvt. Lottie Jarosewska send greetings from the east. The weather is so cold back there the girls have to wear their long winter woolies.

Good conduct conscious and wearing ribbons to prove it are Pfc Frances Garland, T-5 Dorothy Belessis, Pvt. Charlotte Miller and T-4 Lillie Tomishoff.

## Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"





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S/SGT. WILLIAM EWING, T-5 JOHN O'DONNELL, T-5 RAY COLONNA, T-5 BOB MURPHY, CPL. FRANK MEEHAN, PFC. DICK HAMILTON, PVT. WILLIAM KRAMER, PFC. JOSEPH MELITO, T-5 JOHN WOODALL.

THE LOST BATTALION

By Pfc Jess Haigler

A mountain music concert was well under way the other night when that familiar call of 'Taps' served its notice to SCRAM. The well known baritone of the outfit, T-4 Stephen Nogeic, vigorously gave forth with song that—shall we say—intoxicated his audience. He was accompanied by Pfc. Faught and Pvt. Clifton who, when it comes to picking strings on a guitar, can really give out with that mountain style.

It seems that S/Sgt. Muehlman's bad luck is getting the best of him. After spending his pass nights the past few weeks painting his apart-



ment in town, he received a phone call the other night from his wife which left him in tears. It seems that someone in the apartment upstairs left a faucet running which didn't improve the paint job that Freddie had worked so hard to make good. Leaving the telephone with this disaster on his mind, the Sarge almost flipped his lid when he found out that he had forgot about his bedding which was put out for airing during the day. Nothing like sleeping in fog-soaked sack, is there Sarge? Wonder what the results will be six weeks from now—you had better watch out, it's Friday 13th.

A new member has joined up with Hq. Det. at Hapy Valley. It was strictly a volunteer basis and he seems to like his new home very much. 'Spike,' the breed of progeny no one can figure, was issued his dog tag and now considers himself one of the boys. As a typical GI he likes to take life easy and at every opportunity bums a ride with anyone who happens to be going out in the jeep or any other vehicle. Spike is very fond of the BC and at most times can be found in the battery office.

Pfc Stanley Ford left on furlough to visit family and friends in the Windy City. At his last battery meal one might have thought he was stocking up a reserved energy supply from the looks of his plate and plates around him. Pul-e-e-se, Stanley, take it easy on the poor civilians. Rationing is still in effect.

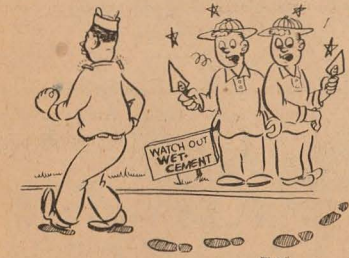
It was overheard that Sgt. Whitlock is willing to go to any theatre of operations at a moment's notice PROVIDED—he would get a discharge after one year. This deal was highly approved by all present at the Bull Session.

Pfc Earl Allen was seen practicing for his furlough which is due in a very short time. That seems to be the only answer since he has been seen taking a suitcase to town when going on pass.

Pfc 'Little Abner' Holasek was all smiles today when he returned from the dispensary with a classification of 1-A. What is it Little Abner—the infantry you're after?

'B' LIONS

Sgt. Joe Bosi had a detail to cement part of the supply room floor. Everything went along okeh and they were just finishing when the lieutenant came in and stepped



in the middle of the soft concrete. He stood there apologizing and scraping cement off his shoe. Perhaps he thought he was at Grauman's Chinese in Hollywood.

For some reason the fellows in the btry. are calling Sgt. Russ

FUNSTON CANNONEERS

S/Sgt. Bill Ewing

Once again we live over our rookie days. Every morning for half an hour we hear, "Right Turn, Left Face, Pull in Your Chin, Parade Rest." The men are really getting quite a kick out of this new command training, as they are learning to sound off. Voices can now be heard for miles around.

Our Gray Lady commando, 'Field Marshal' Rubeck is off to beautiful Ohio on a peaceful furlough. The 'Bucket of Gold' saloon down at Three Points will catch plenty of hell now. We are all waiting for Rubeck's many tales of daring experiences, when he returns.

The old saying, "You see something new every day," holds true. The best was T-5 Sam Mages trying to put Pvt. Raspbridge on KP after he had been cleared through the Supply Room. Raspbridge received his appointment as lieutenant last Friday. Best of luck, shave-tail!

What is the formula used by S/Sgt. Henneberg's new cook, The Russian in his Borsch soup? He is showing signs of being a worthy addition to the Henneberg staff.

'Pappy' Kyher is now wearing a happily worried look. His bundle of



love has arrived at last and now all Kyher does is make a rush for the pass list and wonder how he can get on the all night pass list too.

The team of 'Binchall and Van Houten' are off again for Chicago and beautiful Ft. Wayne, Ind. The boys listen daily for more 'Banana Boat Cadres' by S/Sgt. Bean. 'Simon Legree' Henneberg is waving the bull whip again. His problem child, 'Lightner,' really snaps to now.

Lt. A. Y. Champers is spending his leave in Illinois with the wife and little one.

Pfc 'Smiling Hillbilly' Byrd really looked like a sad sack when he came in off his three day pass. He never sings his favorite theme song any more of 'I Want a Fat Mamma.' We are all waiting for Byher's return from furlough. His tales will leave us in a daze.

Soon many of the 'old men' will be gone off to new fields. Men like Home, Williams, Klute and Deutsch are hard to find. They will be missed very much and will go far in their new fields.

The party to be given Saturday eve will be for the benefit of the short timers. We wish it could really be a much better one, but not too rough is the command.

Last, but not least—Why does Sgt. Connors look so sleepy every morning, and as the sun sets, gets more pep than a dozen wild cats. There must be a reason . . . . .

Martin 'Rosie' now. For further information Cpl. Bus Rowland will be glad to oblige.

We would like to know where Martin gets the designs on his blouse and shirt collar, too.

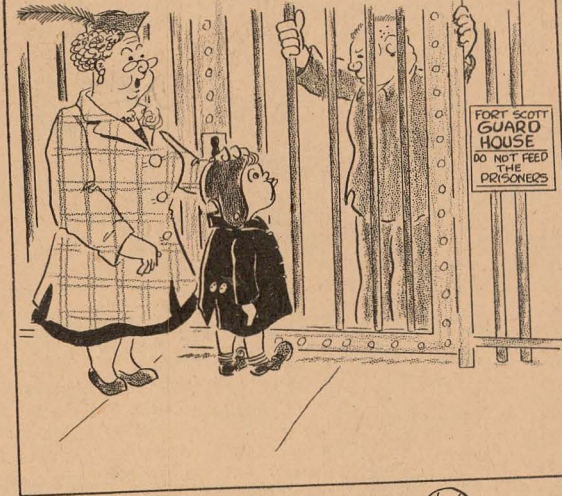
A beer bust and dance was held Feb. 11 in the Ft. Cronkhite service club. A good time was had by all—so good, in fact, that another blow-out has been planned for the near future. On Feb. 22 Capt. Victor Miller and 14 EM gave blood at the Red Cross.

Cpl. Bob (Good Chow) Lingenfelter is the battery's new orienter. Gabriel Heatter had better watch out. Bob replaces Cpl. Al Mannmiller.

F/Sgt. Arthur (ASN 6252972) Swift has the boys wondering if he has a part interest in TWA because of his two recent trips to Los Angeles. He must be getting results because a box of cookies arrived in the mail the other day from the southern California metropolis.

Private PUNS

"AND I WANT YOU SHOULD GIVE JUNIOR A GOOD TALKING TO... HE GOT 'POOR' IN BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL LAS' MONTH."



POME  
CURIOUS FLY...  
VINEGAR JUG.  
SLIPPERY EDGE  
PICKLED BUG.



"I WOULDN'T FEEL TOO BAD ABOUT YOUR FIRST BISCUITS, HUGO---THE PLANS AND TRAINING OFFICER SEZ HE MIGHT UTILIZE THEIR WEIGHT FOR DUMMY GRENADE PRACTISE."

"AH...C'MON IN...C'MON IN, MILLER AND JONES. RESTRICTED TO TH' POST OVER THE WEEK-END AGAIN, EH?"



WISE OPINIONS OF ONE...  
Cholly CONCATHIE

- TO ERR IS HUMAN...BUT WITH A LOVELY RED HEAD IT'S DIVINE.
- MANY SOLDIERS DO NOT NEED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE USE OF ARMS.
- HALF THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE ARE'NT FIT TO DRINK THESE DAYS.
- SOLDIER IS MUCH LIKE A LAMP WICK.... HE GETS TRIMMED MANY TIMES BEFORE HE GETS THE RIGHT FLAME.
- AN ARMY JEEP IS A COCKTAIL SHAKER WITH THREE SPEEDS.
- GIRL WHO GOES OUT WITH WOLF SOMETIME COME BACK WITH A FUR COAT.
- TRUE MUSIC LOVER IS SOLDIER WHO UPON HEARING A SOPRANO VOICE IN BATHROOM PUTS HIS EAR TO THE KEY-HOLE.
- TWO'S COMPANY AND THREE'S A WITNESS.

"MIKE" MIKOS

'B' AT BAKER

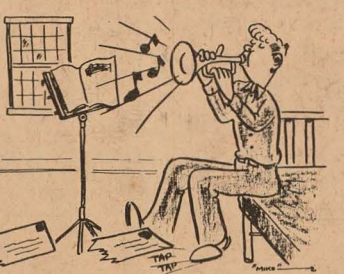
By Bob Murphy

After such a long period of nothing in the GGG from B at Baker, I imagine that it is just about time that we get on the ball and get something in this week.

Rather quiet around here now with quite a few of the old timers gone. Doesn't seem to be much to write about with so few men around to get the various points of what has happened.

The dance at the service club had a scattered representation from the battery. Sgt. Oswalt, Sgt. Spivack, and Cpl. Wallace were among the celebrities present, but Ozzie didn't give the women a chance to enjoy the dance. He just moved from place to place and watched everyone else. How come, Ozzie? Why don't you give those gals a break?

Sgt. (M1-A1) Wing, our Chinese supply room operator, is really a character. In addition to that, he not only isn't afraid of work (he can lay right down beside it and



and go to sleep) but he can give you a snow job so deep and fast that you start to believe that you should sign that statement of charges he placed in front of you.

The two FBI (Fat Boys Institution) men at the casemate, Technician Four Times Kohl and P-lenty F-at C-ontestant Motacki, are fighting to see who ranks who by size.

BAYVIEW INN

Come Monday mornings rain or shine and you will see debonair Pvt. Tom Mahoney decked out in his best pocket padded rain coat swinging down the Scott 'horseshoe' singing, "Milkman, Keep Those Milk Bottles Quiet."

Tripping the light fantastic is the favorite pastime of Cpl. Jose Gonzales who is known as the 'Hot Tamale' of Sweet's Ballroom which for your information is to Oakland what the Aragon is to Chicago.

Well, we've had chow-hounds, bunk fatigue-hounds and just plain wolf-hounds but now the boys in the backroom have come along with the prize—pass-hound. Pfc Ted Allendorf wins in the 'sign-me-outs.'



An imposing and prominent figure on the post who seems to shun the limelight but is extremely well known in financial circles is Sgt. Alfred Macedo, President of the Macedo First National Tool and Trust Co.

M/Sgt. Teddy Doepel is giving his all to organize a hardball team. From the enthusiastic response he is receiving it looks like it will be taking the local spotlight soon. Working overtime so he can spend all the time with a certain young lady in Bldg. No. 2 is well known John who thinks a diamond ring would sure look pretty on that particular finger.

Sgt. Art Becker, famous as the best bulletin board observer in the outfit has had a touch of that old

'gangplank' fever ever since his pal and No. 1 houseboy, Pfc Johnnie Fagundis, left for parts unknown.

Telephone bells were ringing all over the post the other day for T-4 Clayton Paige. Intriguing feminine voices they were said to be. But when we quizeed the local 'Casanova' he replied, "Hells bells, how do I know—might have been any one of a dozen—Lana, Rita, Betty, Judy or Susan."

S/Sgt. Jack Cameron is pretty proud of his little one and the pictures he had taken by the local lensman recently show that papa has a mighty photogenic offspring. T-5 George Trettevik is getting ready to leave on furlough and the PX Grill short order department is just about ready to fold up during his absence.

Sgt. Roy Brafford is looking for a new pal now that Pvt. George Hastie has volunteered for overseas. Pvt. Alfred Fry has also dipped his bread for the last time in a plate of Ricci's or Steve's gravy having elected to see how it tastes on the other side.

Pfc Edward Kalman is looking a lot younger these days. Could it be the result of joining that local youth league?

T-5 Cecil Campbell has volunteered for a week's CQ so he will have a little nest egg put by for Easter. Cpl. Ken Clifford didn't see a red light the other night but that's neither here nor there for an old ticket taker like him. "Sure I can take it," he said to the cop who handed him the tag, "but the next question is am I gonna like it?"

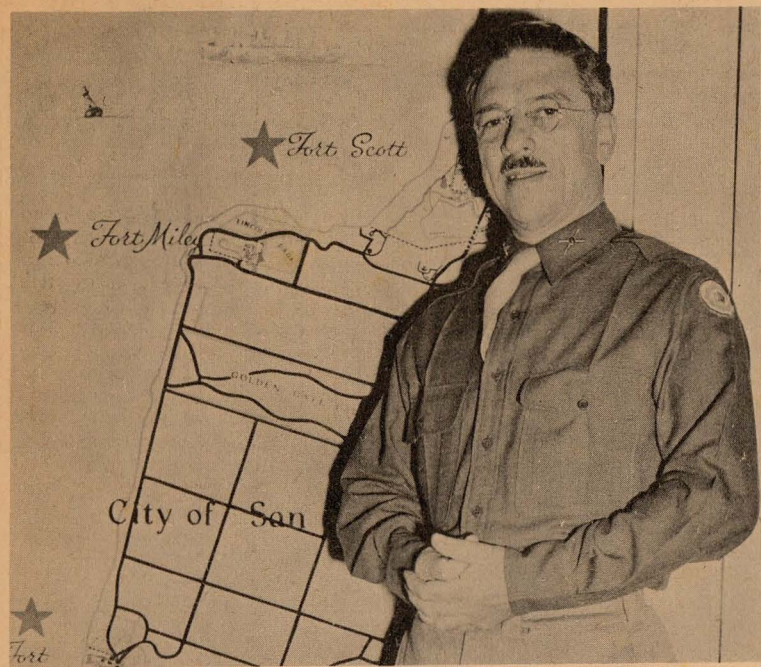
Half-Million Vets Get Disability Pay

As of Dec. 31, 1944, a total of 508,510 veterans of this war were receiving pensions for service-connected disabilities, the Veterans Administration revealed to CNS.

Cost of pensions for World War II soldiers had risen \$40,513,789 over 1943.



# Col. Rowland Yields Command to Col. Lafrenz



**COL. ARTHUR E. ROWLAND**  
Tactician, Leader, Soldier

After 33 years of continuous Army service spanning both World Wars, including nearly three years of duty at Ft. Scott, Col. Arthur E. Rowland, 57, relinquished his command of Ft. Winfield Scott and Sub-posts to Col. William F. Lafrenz and his duties of commanding officer, SCU 1932, to Maj. DeWitt D. Davis, according to recent orders.

Colonel Rowland is currently at Letterman General Hospital awaiting probable retirement from active duty.

The new post commander, Colonel Lafrenz, assumed the combined command of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco and Fort Winfield Scott and Sub-posts under the new set-up. Major Davis, prior to his new SCU command, was executive officer of the station complement troops.

**Direct Commission**

Although he excelled as a SCU commander, Colonel Rowland's principal leaning was toward the tactical phases to which he devoted 30 years' study before an unfortunate leg injury in 1942 placed him behind a desk. His lengthy military career began in 1912 while he was an electrical engineering student at Cornell

University, N.Y., where he went after being graduated from Western Maryland College in 1909, not content with an A.B. degree only. In his junior year at Cornell, while a member of Phi Beta Kappa, young Rowland was commissioned directly in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Army as a result of a competitive examination in which he nabbed top score out of 400 competitors.

Two years later he married his present wife, the former Miss Helen Kelly, and in 1917 at outbreak of World War I he went to France as a captain with the Railway Artillery and saw action in the famous San Mihel offensive.

Returning to the United States after the war as a major, Rowland had various tours of duty with the coast artillery and with various organizations including the National Guard and Reserved Officers Training Corps.

**Worked With Lafrenz**

Prior to the outbreak of World War II in 1939, he served two tours of duty with harbor defense units in Hawaii where he worked side by side with his successor at Ft. Scott, Colonel Lafrenz. Rowland was a lieu-

## Unification Marks Ft. Scott Command

Col. William F. Lafrenz assumed command of Ft. Winfield Scott and Sub-posts last week in addition to his position as commanding officer of the tactical troops in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco.

The combined command marks unification of tactical and post duties which have been under separate commands since Brig. Gen. Ralph E. Haines left for NCS command more than a year ago.

Colonel Lafrenz has been associated with the HDSF since 1940 after service in the Hawaiian Islands, and prior to his command of the tactical troops was Harbor Defense executive officer.

tenant colonel at the time, Lafrenz a major. Also in Hawaii with Rowland, but after Lafrenz left, was Brig. Gen. Ralph E. Haines, then a colo-

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## Red Cross Drive Tops \$3,108

### Scott Navymen Aid in Rescue Of Plane, Crew

While thousands of Easter holiday sightseers lined the beach for 15 miles from Ft. Miles to Ft. Funston, seven crewmen of a giant naval air transport were dramatically rescued off the San Francisco beach Sunday afternoon, Apr. 1, thanks in part to an alert band of sailors working at the Navy side of the Harbor Defense command post, Ft. Scott.

On duty when the crippled Navy PBM 'Mariner' successfully landed in treacherous 30-foot swells whipped up by a near gale was Lt. D. G. Cuthbertson, who received the first emergency call of the surf landing from Lt. Tom Lowe, duty officer at the U.S. Navy station on the Great Highway along the beach.

"Less than five minutes after the plane landed," Cuthbertson said, "I received another call from Lowe who had sighted the two red flares signifying that immediate help was needed."

**Fast Trip**

"We radioed a large Navy sub-chaser on patrol duty about nine miles away. That was at 1443 PWT; 46 minutes later the rescue vessel was at the plane's side. That's pretty good time in that kind of a sea, believe me."

Because of the tremendous swells, however, the plane's personnel, including a pet dog, could not be transferred to the sub-chaser or to Coast Guard rescue equipment.

Before the hour was out, a Coast Guard cutter from Ft. Point and an Army Air Corps crash boat from Hamilton Field arrived on the scene and effected the rescue of the crew from the plane.

**Work Continues**

But the work of Cuthbertson and Lt. Bill Lawlor, his communications

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Contributions to the American National Red Cross War Fund Drive from the Harbor Defenses and from Ft. Scott and Sub-posts clanged collection registers to the tune of more than \$3,108, it was revealed this week in a report made by the Public Relations Office.

Of the total amount, Harbor Defense personnel kicked through with \$2,354.80, and the remaining \$1,851.55 was donated by officers, enlisted men, Wac and civilian personnel of SCU 1932.

Top contributors in the drive were the Ft. Scott NCO Club, \$520; HDSF Officers Club, \$503.25; Ft. Scott Auxiliary ARC, \$400; Ft. Scott Supply Div., \$262.55; Hq-SCU, \$172.56; B-6th, \$127.79; Ft. Scott Post Engineers, \$125.50; Ft. Baker Post Engineers, \$111; Ft. Baker Hospital of officers and civilians, \$108.50.

Other HDSF organizations backing the Red Cross drive with high donations included Hq-HDSF, B-174th, 21st CAMP, Hosp.-SCU, A-6th and B-173d. Organizations stationed at Ft. Winfield Scott and Sub-posts also gave generously their respective commands including Navy Det., Cavalry and Coast Guard units at Crissy Field and Pt. Bonita.

**Hi-ya, Joe!**

**Meet Joe Palooka!**

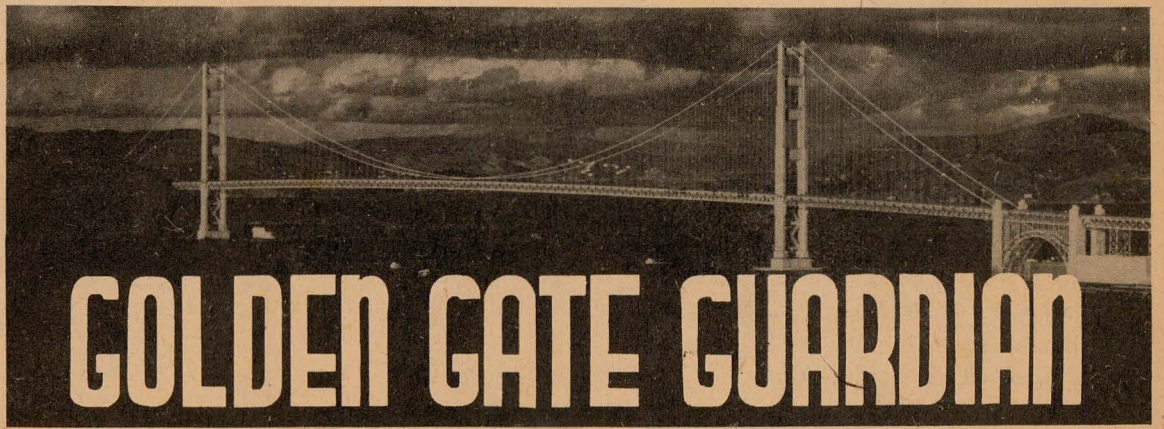
On Page 3, you'll find the famous comic strip favorite in a cartoon drawn exclusively for The GGG by Ham Fisher, the creator.

It's the first of many similar exclusives—we hope.

**Ordnance Officer Travels to School**

A 10-day refresher course is in order for Maj. Robert Ogilvie, Ft. Scott Ordnance officer, who left last Monday to attend the Ordnance Command Shop Maintenance School at Pomona, Calif.

The course will cover newly developed techniques and methods in maintenance shop supervisory work.



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**'HERE'S FORT WINFIELD SCOTT.'** Col. William F. Lafrenz, post and HDSF commander, points out location of the coast artillery installation to Comdr. Lin Sian-Kwan, Chinese naval attache, on the commander's recent visit to this area. Col. Kenneth Rowntree, executive officer of the HDSF, looks on with Lt. Chow Chia-Tsung, the commander's aide.

## Jap-Wanted Chinese Naval Wizard Visits HDSF

### Attack Japan from China Best Bet, He Asserts

## GGG Sponsors Harbor Defense 'Wallet Girl Contest'

Nicholas Johnston, Noted Photog, to Judge

**WHO IS THE NUMBER ONE WALLET GIRL in the HDSF???**

Take any sporting GI in these here parts, sprinkle him in with several courses of battery bull sessions and in most instances you'll find that this GI for one reason, or three, will proclaim that his bundle of sugar is top material, even when compared to thousands of others.

This conclusive evidence, by way

of a snapshot, a beat-up photo, is usually among contents of his wallet. Nestled close to his identification card, his social security number and the \$1.80 balance from last payroll, you'll find that perennial WALLET GIRL.

The promotion department of this fishwrapper has decided that such an important topic of debate should not go unanswered. The brain men

bumped craniums and have come out with a possible answer: the **GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN'S** exclusive 'WALLET GIRL CONTEST.'

Rules behind strategy of operations, to effect such a momentous decision, follow:

The contest will last throughout the months of April and May. Any enlisted man or women stationed in the Harbor Defenses is eligible to contribute ONE photo study of his or her favorite wallet personality. The picture must not be larger than three inches by five inches in size. The subject matter may be one of four authentic categories — girl friend, wife, mother or baby.

Members of the Wac stationed here will be permitted to substitute their favorite pin-up boy if they so choose (Van Johnson photos will not be honored.) Entrants will sign rank, name, outfit and contest-class of the picture, on the back of their entries. All pictures will be returned unharmed to the owners at the end of the contest. Entrants will send their pics via message center, mail or in person to:

**WALLET GIRL EDITOR**  
c/o Golden Gate Guardian  
Service Club Building  
Fort Winfield Scott, Calif.

Several of the entries will be reproduced in issues of the GGG. Plans are also under way to feature all the photos in a mammoth lobby display at the Ft. Scott Theater at the finish of the contest.

Contest judge in determining the four division winner will be San Francisco's noted and distinguished photographer, Nicholas Johnston. Mr. Johnston is noted throughout this state of sunshine and oranges for his brilliant photo portraits. Johnston's decisions will be final.

To each of the four division winners Johnston and his studio assistants will offer a special 11 inch by 14 inch photographic study of the winner or any person he or she chooses.

The participation of Johnston in this contest does not in any way constitute a War Department endorsement of his photo products, of course.

Midnight, Sun. May 27, is absolute deadline for all contest entries.

With special mission of observing the administration and tactical set-up in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, Comdr. Lin Sian-Kwan, Chinese assistant naval attache from Washington, and on whom the Japs have set a price for his capture, visited this command briefly last week.

Commander Lin, accompanied by Lt. Joseph Casey, public relations officer, visited Col. William F. Lafrenz, commanding officer of the Harbor Defenses, Col. Kenneth Rowntree, executive officer of the HDSF, and Col. Arthur E. Rowland, former post commander.

The slight 38-year-old Chinese viewed with great interest the many post facilities at Ft. Scott, and the hospital and marine repair shop at Ft. Baker. Capt. Leslie Irvin, of the HDSF intelligence office, also accompanied the group.

**Yen for Lin**

At a press conference in San Francisco, Commander Lin admitted that the Japanese consider him worth \$100,000—a reward offered while he was in charge of four groups of guerrilla mine-laying crews in Japanese occupied territories on the Yangtze River between Hankow and Chungking in 1940-41.

"We succeeded in sinking as many as 10 Jap transports and destroyers in a single month," the Chefee Academy graduate said blandly. "The mines were very effective."

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## SCU Lecturers Tell of Orient

With the Germans staggering in a last-ditch stand and the spotlight already being placed on the importance of cleaning up the Japs in the Far East, Dr. Paul Radin, former University of California instructor, and Fred Ross, War Relocation expert, lectured to SCU soldiers at the Ft. Scott theater last Monday night on Far Eastern trends.

Doctor Radin's half-hour discourse proved to be very popular with the SCUers. The Berkeley professor, former head of the Dept. of

Anthropology at U.C., is an authority and writer on anthropology. He holds fellowships from both Harvard and Yale Universities.

Ross, ex-War Relocation officer for the San Francisco district and Cleveland, O., showed film on the Japanese people being transferred from their California home to relocation centers. Ross' experience with Jap personalities comes a great deal from his former job as head of the community Jap relocation project known as Minidoka in Idaho.



## Know Your Leaders

### Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, Jr. Enlisted Mens' Coach

By Pfc Ed Wells

The other day from the bridge of Admiral Turner's flagship a husky, white-thatched, sharp-eyed man saw the first wave of his new 10th Army take the beach of Okinawa with the practiced ease of a dress rehearsal.

"It's gravy," was the almost surprised comment of Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., when he saw his Army-Navy-Marine Corps team hit the line for plenty of yardage at a place not 400 miles from the Jap homeland. The going may be harder soon, but the man who has taught three rival branches of the service to pull together has no fears as to the final result.

No doubt the Nips have noted the professional touch in this latest move.

#### Close to Home

Many HDSF officers and men vividly remember their part in the big job General Buckner did as Commanding General of the Alaska Defense Command. There he welded land, sea, and air forces into a weapon that first turned back a Jap invasion, and then opened the road to Tokyo.

Oddly enough, this doughty leader has other aims than just military. He wishes, as one of his officers has pointed out, to 'Christianize' the Japs, and his sure-fire method of doing this is to give every little brown man a Christian burial.

#### Soldier Family

General Buckner is a born soldier. His father of the same name was a famous Confederate Army lieutenant general who once had to surrender his command to his old friend and West Point classmate, Gen. U. S. Grant, under terms of unconditional surrender. This phrase became Grant's nickname and a household by-word. Today this idea is the fixed aim of the Allies, as the Germans well know.

Simon Buckner, Jr., was born in Munfordville, Ky., 58 years ago. Advanced education was received at VMI but before finishing there he was appointed to West Point where he got his gold bar in 1908. In the first World War as a major he managed to transfer into the Aviation branch of the Signal Corps.

The next 20 odd years found Major Buckner back in the Infantry. Part of this time was devoted to teaching tactics at West Point where he was also Commandant of Cadets. Ex-pupils recall him as a tough man more interested in helping them to become good officers than just nice gentlemen. The General's two sons have followed in the family tradition. His eldest son, Simon III, is now a captain in the Signal Corps, and his youngest son, William, is now a cadet. Mrs. Buckner, and daughter Mary are living in San Francisco for the duration. Mary is enrolled at Stanford University.

#### Sports Enthusiast

Sports have always interested General Buckner. At 42 he decided to learn to ice skate, and 10 years later in Alaska he had a yen to ski which he learned to do as good as anyone.



Chaplain Culpepper, Harbor Defense chaplain, who lived next door to him in Alaska, has many interesting recollections of the general's ruggedness. Well he remembers how his staff would shiver as they saw him each morning break the ice in his rain barrel and bathe himself while the thermometer was below zero. Another time when he and his staff had to climb to a mountain outpost some of the officers found the packs rather heavy. General Buckner arrived at the post with three packs on his back, fresh as ever!

When Chaplain Culpepper received the Soldier's Medal from General Buckner his modesty prompted him to ask the general if he could remove it from his blouse prior to a dinner the general tendered him. General Buckner refused, asserting it was the first decoration to that date won by anyone in his command outside of the Air Corps, and he, Buckner, wanted his men to see it.

#### Eager Beaver

To call General Buckner dynamic is a masterpiece of understatement. He is a terrific worker with plenty of common sense. He hates two things besides the enemy—one is his nickname "Superman," the other is army politics.

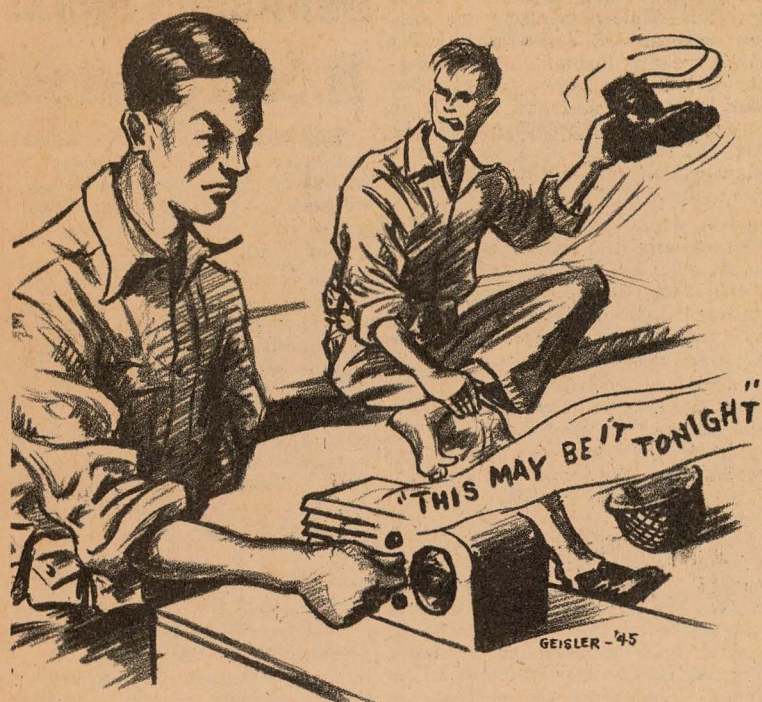
Incidentally, he is the first Army commander to have a Marine as chief of staff. This leatherneck is a Virginian, Brig. Gen. Oliver P. Smith.

Chaplain Culpepper still chuckles over a sample of Buckner humor.

One day while talking with him the General began to squirm and scratch as though his woolies were giving him a bad time. Finally after much excavation under his shirt he extracted, of all things, a sea-gull feather.

"By golly," he exploded, "I am damned if I am not turning into a blankety blank buzzard."

Whereas Nature will never play such a trick on him, you can be sure that if she did this transmuted fighting man would still be out there in the Pacific picking Jap bones nice and clean.



## Ether Nonsense

"We are on the threshold of victory tonight."

News commentators have virtually worn out this phrase of glorious optimism. That phrase may have sold quite a bit of toothpaste, shaving cream and hair tonic; and it may have sent quite a number of people to bed with a happy heart—but it's very close to being one of the most detrimental utterances of the war.

It is difficult to determine the exact effect it has on soldiers since most of them are governed by information gathered and bull-sessioned at discussion classes. They have an opportunity to judge the progress of the war realistically, aided by late press reports, maps and commentaries by uncommercialized historians of war.

**Civilians, on the other hand, who depend upon their newspapers and radios for a true picture of current events, are definitely influenced by so-called 'sugar-coated news-casts.'**

The man who has been faithfully doing his job on the assembly line feels that if Larry Bleater says victory is so near, why couldn't he just take off a day or two from his war work and relax. Multiply this man's reactions by several thousand throughout the nation and you can readily see what harm is done to the delivery of supplies to the war fronts.

We don't begrudge talented men with good voices the making of a living (note our tolerance toward Frank Sinatra). We are rather proud of the latitude given radio announcers in presenting the news.

Deliver us, though, Mr. Radio Mogul, from those light brained walkie-talkies.

**We may be on "the threshold of victory tonight," but the welcome mat isn't out yet.**

"V-day in Germany should be no cause for stupid, premature elation. A better, more solid type of celebration could be the setting of our teeth a little harder, giving a little added effort to our war tasks, and reminding ourselves that the war is yet far from won. Hitler's fall certainly won't mark the end of the struggle. It will mean 'Two down—one to go!'"

—The Alaska 'Polar Tech'

"It will be well for the parents, the wives and sweethearts and the friends of those gallant men throughout the far-flung Pacific to remember that when Germany falls, those men will still be there and that, for their sakes, this is no time to monkey around with plans for celebrating victory."

—Paris Island, N. C., 'Boot'

"This must be like a cold dash of water to our men, from the warmth of friendly France to the bleak cold of the enemy Germany. This is what they'll be facing from now on in. The prize is greater, but the water deeper."

—Camp Pickett, Va., 'News'

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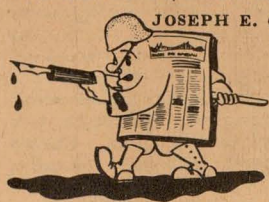
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By Chaplain Edward T. Haskins

"The way I figure it out," says the soldier, "is this. It's our last fling. Everyone does it these days. If it weren't for the war I would be a pretty decent fellow—home, wife and kids. But this situation is too much for me. Guess I got the war jitters. Come on Mac, let's go."

**Will everyone, just for a few days, declare a moratorium and quit blaming everything on the war?**

You've still got your free will. You're still master of your destiny and captain of your soul—which is just a poetic way of saying that you hold your soul in your hands and can either toss it to the pigs or keep it safe and pure and true. You can say either no or yes to temptation. You can do right or you can do wrong.

Right now I'm not pleading for you to do right—though there's no doubt which side I'm rooting for. All I'm pleading for is a little honesty—honesty with yourself and with God.

**There are only two people in the world it does absolutely no good to try and kid: one is yourself and the other is God. So why try to do it?**

If you started out in this war a pretty god guy and you wind up a 14-carat bum, don't blame the war. Blame yourself. You didn't have to take that one-too-many drink at the bar on Chestnut St. No one forced you to go over the hill. The war didn't make a goldbrick out of you. If you did all these things or any of them, you did it because you wanted to.

**I don't say it's easier to be good. Sometimes it's mighty hard. But war or no war, there's always temptation, there's always free will. You are today what you made yourself, not what the service made you. Be honest about it.**

Why do I make this plea for honesty? First of all because it's a virtue, a great virtue. Secondly, if you die during the war I think God will look with a kindly eye upon you if you're at least honest enough to make your last words something like this—"God, I haven't been much good. I've really kicked around the Commandments. But it's not Your fault, and it's not the fault of the war. It's my fault. I did it. I'm sorry."

## AWVS Ladies Visit Fort Scott

Busy as a sewing bee was the Army Sewing Unit of the American Women's Voluntary Services as they mended and altered soldier uniforms recently at the Ft. Scott Service Club.

The unit, headed by Mrs. Viola M. Balzarini, arrived on the Scott scene with their specially equipped station wagon. The 10 ladies worked with six portable electric sewing machines, several irons and sewing kits.

Since early 1941 these AWVS ladies have volunteered every Wednesday and Thursday as their sewing day for GIs. They have played regular sewing engagements in practically all the major encampments in the Bay Area and as far as San Mateo.

Making the volunteer sojourn to Scott were Miss Hay, Mrs. MacMillan, Mrs. Baumann, Miss Gibb, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Lenox, Mrs. Mulkey and Mrs. Balzarini.

## Chaplain Hatton Visits Ft. Scott

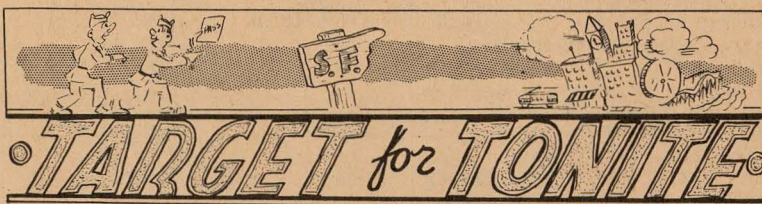
Celebrating Holy Mass at the Ft. Scott Chapel last week was the ever popular Catholic Chaplain Theodore Hatton. His visit, a short one of five days, was spent with the WOJG Raymond Dumas' at their Scott quarters.

The rugged padre is enjoying his short leave from the Birmingham Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif., where he had been staying upon his return from 18 months front-line duty overseas. Chaplain Hatton will next travel to Santa Barbara, Calif., to await reassignment orders.

## Kin Parasites

In Pittsburgh last week a woman applied to a ration board for new ration books. Asked the routine question of how she had lost her old books, she replied that she never had any. The startled questioner wanted to know how the family had been eating all this time.

"Oh," she replied, "we've been eating with relatives and friends."



April is a month that will always be associated with San Francisco in the minds of many people throughout the world in view of the historic peace conference which is to be held here Apr. 25. All servicemen and women stationed in or near this fabulous city of St. Francis should familiarize themselves with the spots of interest so that when they read the accounts of what takes place they will have a complete visual picture of the colorful background.

Civic Center is a 'must' on your list for here is the site of the magnificent City Hall, State and Federal Buildings, Library, Auditorium and War Memorial Veteran's Buildings and Opera House. Visit the latter for a really plush and resplendent picture of life at night. Two outstanding attractions will include this Sunday's performance by Gladys Swarthout, star of the Metropolitan and Katherine Dunham's "Tropical Revue" which has been described as a musical heatwave from south of the equator to north of jive.

Hotels which will house visiting dignitaries include, of course, the two monarchs of Nob Hill, the Fairmont with its swimming pool, Cirque Room and Mexican restaurant, and the Mark Hopkins with the world famous "Top O' The Mark," Peacock Court and KSFO radio station. Then there is the Palace smacking of champagne days and Teddy Roosevelt, and last but not least the St. Francis, opposite Union Square.

Incidentally, the 'Frantic' is featuring afternoon dancing for servicemen from 1630 to 1800 every day except Sunday and Monday. Cover charge is only two-bits a person and Ray Herbeck with his 'Music with Romance' will furnish the footjuice.

Those who prefer the great open spaces can get the wind in their hair high atop Telegraph Hill where Coit Tower's view of a harbor is unsurpassed. Golden Gate Park is at its greenest and the rhododendrons are in bloom making this world's largest man-made Eden a paradise for your walky-talkie on the right day with the right girl.



# Post-War Business Available Through Confiscated Ideas

An exceptional opportunity for discharged servicemen in the Harbor Defenses to reap the profit from millions of dollars of enemy research is presented through the Office of Alien Property Custodian.

At the outbreak of the war, some 45,000 United States patents and patent applications were seized from enemy aliens and nationals of occupied countries. Licenses under most of these are now available to United States citizens for an administrative fee of \$15 per patent.

About 30,000 of the seized patents are of German origin. Many of the remaining are Italian and Japanese. They cover practically every field of mechanics, electricity, and chemistry.

**Many Patents**

For ease in examination, the 45,000 patents have been divided into 312 general groups. These groups include aeronautics, amusement devices, bleaching and dyeing, brakes, carbon compounds, fermentation, fertilizers, photography, circuit breakers and conductors, foods and beverages, internal combustion engines, machine elements as well as metal binding, drawing, forging, founding, rolling, working, and treatment.

These groups cover also metallurgy, mining and harvesting, optics, plastics, power plants, refrigeration, ships, telephony and telegraphy, textiles, valves, vegetable and meat cutters together with wood-working.

To help business men still further the chemical patents and patent applications have been summarized and digested. The complete set of 8,000 chemical abstracts appropriately indexed is available for \$25 through the Office of Alien Property Custodian, Chicago 3, Ill.

**Others Prepared**

In the same manner short descriptions and drawings of the 37,000 mechanical and electrical patents are being prepared. The first two of five volumes are ready now. The remaining three will be ready shortly. These too will be available for \$25 per set through the Chicago offices.

Copies of the actual patents themselves may be seen at the Office of Alien Property Custodian, Field Building, Chicago; 120 Broadway, New York City; 17 Court St., Boston, Mass.; National Press Building, Washington, D. C.; and Guardian Building, Portland, Ore.

## Top Four Graders Get Free Freight Transfer

Household goods, including pianos, chesterfields and other personal items owned by Army first four graders assigned a permanent change of station may now be shipped at government expense to any point in the United States, according to Mrs. Mildred Weston of the Ft. Scott Rail and Freight Dept.

Total weight of shipment must not exceed 3,000 pounds. All other personnel being transferred are allowed 70 pounds parcel post.

**NO PANE ON EYES**

She was as pretty as a picture—and she had a nice frame, too!

## 'Case of Missing Estate'

Capt. Arthur Fidgeon and his band of provost marshal investigators have been sweating out the "Case of the Missing Estate," which might puzzle even Philo Vance or Dick Tracy.

The mysterious career of T-4 George Burns, Harbor Defense Hq. building custodian, who passed away recently, has the GI Gestapo baffled. Events read like something from the pages of an Oppenheim epic.

Burns' dog-tags indicated relatives living in Jersey City, N. J., but a letter sent there was returned with 'not here' stamped on it. Further investigation by Sgt. Joseph McNamara, Ft. Scott PM sleuth, uncovered the fact that the erstwhile janitor had

## Combat Medics to Get New Army Medical Badge

A Medical Badge has been authorized by the War Department in "recognition of the service rendered during combat" by members of the Medical Department assigned or attached to the Infantry.

CNS describes it as being of silver metal, elliptical in shape, with the Medical Department's insignia, the



**HDSF ORIENTATION LEADERS** met at Ft. Scott last week for a 'briefing' by Capt. Harry Van Hala, new Harbor Defense information and education officer, and as result coast artillerymen from Ft. Funston to Ft. Cronkhite will get plenty of orientation from here on out.

## Army Vet Takes Over I&E Program

A recent change in the HDSF Information and Education Office brought Capt. Harry Van Hala to Ft. Scott from Ft. Funston to replace Capt. Robert Ballachey, who has been ordered to the Army School for Personnel Services, Lexington, Va., for special training prior to assignment overseas.

Captain Van Hala saw action in the last war as a lieutenant in command of a machine gun company and was awarded the Silver Star for meritorious service at Chateau Thierry in 1917.

Shortly after the Armistice he returned to Chicago where he went into the bank advertising business and later to Paterson, N. J., where he married and lived 10 years prior to his entry into the service.

Mrs. Van Hala is now a staff sergeant in the Wac and is serving as a laboratory technician at the Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., Station Hospital. She was in the service two months before the captain was recalled into the harness for his second world war.

Before donning the OD the captain's wife was a post graduate at Columbia University, N. Y. She is a graduate nurse of Chicago's Robert Burns Hospital and a laboratory technician with a certificate from the Illinois Clinical Laboratory in Chicago. She is a registered member of the American Medical Technologists Association.

In his youth Captain Van Hala was quite active in sports. He ran the mile on his high school track team, and in later years he and his wife became interested in golf.

**GGG Lorelei**  
Blonde Judy Hill  
Will Write Poems



The GG has a new reporter. Judy Hill, 8-year-old daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James Hill, Ft. Scott, saw the Golden Gate Guardian slide flashed on the screen at the Scott theater the other night when a brilliant idea flashed across her mind—why not be a newspaper reporter?

Sliding out of her seat, the blonde vixen dashed back to the door and asked the ticket-taker for a pencil.

"I want to write down the telephone number of The Golden Gate Guardian," she explained. "I might want to send something in sometime. I write poems."

Little did she realize that the ticket-taker who wrote the telephone number on the back of her popcorn bag was the GGG's assistant editor, T-5 Ken Clifford.

**OUCH!**  
Sophistication: Knowing enough to keep your feet out of the crack of the theater seat in front of you.

**WILD IDEAS**  
Imagination: Something that sits up with the wife when her husband is out late.

GGG Exclusive!

HEY-WEREN'T WE LUCKY THIS OLD GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN CAME FLOATIN' BY. IT'S FULLA PICTURES AN' GAGS.

WHAT'S SWELLER STILL IZZAT IT'S GOOD THIN PAPER. DON'T T'ROW IT AWAY.

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR THE "GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN" AND WITH PLENTY REGARDS TO THE GANG. HAM FISHER.



- Scott Wac**—T-4 Hazel Robinson. Pfc Daisey Tabery, Pfc Ruth Miller, Pvt. Ruth Walker, Pfc Teresa Dominicus, T-4 Elizabeth Kovatch, Pvt. Dorine Broye, Pfc Rose Peskur.
- Hq-SCU, Ft. Scott**—Pfc Mike Geisler, Pfc John Genever, Pfc Bob Anderson, Pfc Benjamin Thalf, Sgt. Hardy Ross, T/Sgt. Al Stuller, Lt. Walter Rovang.
- Hq-HDSF, Ft. Scott**—Pvt. Nick Szabo, Pfc Perry Hudson, Pfc Hal Smith, Pfc James Cusick.
- A-172d, Ft. Barry**—S/Sgt. Louis Ryan, S/Sgt. Jack Burstall, Cpl. Tony Viviano, Cpl. Lawrence Hart.
- Marine Repair Shop**—Clifford Winget, Joe Meers, Harry Plummer, Amundsen, Leroy Wallace, T. W. Davirs, Earl Atherton, Frank Borges, William Burns, O. W. Lauff, Michael Killian, Willard Dewald.
- Scott Motor Pool**—Erik V. Juhl, Laura Genever.
- Navy Det., Ft. Scott**—Bernard Rader, RT 2/c.
- Scott Engineers**—Mrs. Mildred Stuller.

**Next USO**

'Riffs and Rhythms' is the next USO Camp Show fun-fare to play the theater stages in the HDSF Apr. 27, 28 and 29.

The show, with an all-star colored cast, is hypood to a slightly terrific pitch. Music, dancing and comedy are scheduled ingredients that are strictly out of this world.

## Pfc Joe Palooka, Ham Fisher Visit

Pfc Joe Palooka, national comic strip favorite, and his Brooklyn pal, Jerry Leemey, paid the editorial offices of the Golden Gate Guardian an informal visit recently.

Although the distinguished heroes are in the midst of a nerve-wracking strip-adventure smack dab in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, riding the waves on a rubber raft, their illustrious creator, Ham Fisher, saw to it that they kept their exclusive GGG date—via india ink and pen.

Reproduced here is Joe and Jerry's comment along with Ham's correspondence to Editor Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos.

Plans are under way, according to Mikos, to run various other nationally known comic strip favorites in GGG exclusives.

## War II More Than Civil War Deaths

It was revealed last week that World War II has cost more American lives than the Civil War, previously the costliest in the nation's history. Army and Navy dead totaled—up to Mar. 1—189,541.

Killed or fatally wounded for both Union and Confederate armies in the Civil War have been reckoned at 186,771.

## Scott Square Dance Sponsored by USOers

Fort Scott Service Club served as the site for the second hoe-down and square dance for soldiers stationed here Tues., Apr. 10.

Sponsoring the dance again was the vivacious USO dance instructor Miss Yvette Perestein. Included in Miss Perestein's company were musicians 'fiddling Chuck' and guitar-strumming 'Duke.' Also making the trip from San Francisco was a bevy of attractive USO Center dance hostesses who acted as square dance partners.

Although tentative plans assure the dancers a regular monthly visit to this installation, GI's with a yen for more of this diversion are asked to contact Pfc's Floyd Brown or Warren Carreau at Hq-HDSF (Bldg. 13-Scott). If enough voice approval the Scott gymnasium will serve as the location for future square dances.

**HAM FISHER**  
Apr 3rd.

Dear "Mike"—  
Thanks for the letter. Here's the special drawing.  
It's a little incident that happened while the boys were on the rubber boat.  
My best to your bunch  
Cordially  
HAM FISHER.





**WINSOME LOOK** spells winsome girl and that spells June Allyson, gorgeous package of MGM contract property. Of the many pin-up pics in our file, this one takes top honors in reminding a guy that the gal back home is still waiting and still looking mighty purty. And—that again brings up the topic of the GUARDIAN'S new photo contest, the **WALLET GIRL CONTEST**. You'll find all the particulars on page one in this issue of the GGG.

## Easter Egg Hunt



**'WHATCHA GOT, SON?'** While mama looks on, wee Shelly Veselka, 20-month-old son of Capt. and Mrs. Ervin O. Veselka, Ft. Cronkhite, is off on a quest for more eggs the Easter bunny left behind at a recent successful egg hunt held on the Ft. Scott chapel lawn under direction of Mrs. William F. Lafrenz and Chaplain Culpepper. The view above depicts the crowd at the Ft. Scott chapel awaiting the arrival of Mr. Rabbit. (Photos by T-5 Arthur Leiser.)

## Chow's On!

'Mac's Diner,' a seagoing roadside lunch wagon developed by an Amphibian Engineer Company in New Guinea serves hamburgers right off the griddle to Yank landing parties in the southwest Pacific.

## Hospital Doings

Marin J.C. Prof  
To Speak Today

At 1300 today at the Ft. Baker Hospital Red Cross recreation hall a capacity crowd will gather to hear a lecture entitled, "A Naturalist Looks at The Western Mountains," by Professor Wilson of the Marin Junior College.

Last Thursday afternoon Prof. Harland Fredericks of the University of California and leading authority on current events gave a two hour lecture on current events.

This Sunday at 1415 the Musicomedy Club of San Francisco will present an entertaining melodrama entitled "Belinda's Dilemma." The following Tuesday the discussion group will gather for their weekly meeting to be followed on Wednesday at 1430 with an Armed Forces Revue.

## More on Navy Rescue

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watch officer, was not done when the emergency life-saving phase was completed. The matter of salvaging the plane was still an issue.

A few minutes past midnight the sub-chaser had the plane in tow and was heading for the Golden Gate entrance when heavy swells caused the tow line to snap.

"Rather than fool around much more," Cuthbertson asserted, "we called Treasure Island and obtained the services of 'Bagaduce,' an old Navy fleet tug. At about two a.m. they got the stricken ship in tow and spent until 0730 fighting the sea from outside the Golden Gate to Treasure Island. In spite of the beating she took, the plane appeared to be in good condition."

The twin-engined, gull-winged transport had but three minutes supply of gasoline left on her flight from Hawaii when the pilot was forced to 'set her down' within sight of Fleishhacker Park. For 200 miles the 'Mariner' had limped along on one engine after the portside engine konked out.

High praise was given the rescuers by Army, Navy and Coast Guard officers for the job they did in the heavy seas.

"Special commendation from our Navy Side should go to the Pt. Bonita signal station and to Chief Signalman R. Glazbrook, a Navy veteran of 35 years and native of San Francisco, for their prompt delivery and receipt of messages," Cuthbertson indicated. "It was just another day's work as far as the Navy is concerned, though."

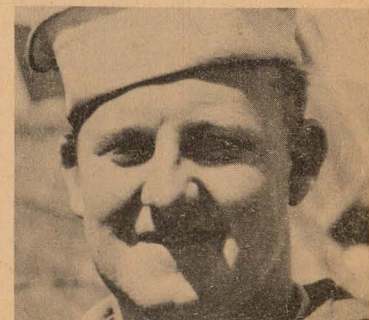


Who is your favorite general fighting in this war, and why is he your ideal soldier-general?



Charles Goodwin, S/2c, Navy Det.

"Although my tendencies should probably be with Adm. Nimitz, I still prefer General Eisenhower. Ike is a good leader and does what he thinks best for his men. That's a heckuva thing for a Navy man to admit, isn't it?"



Sgt. Herbert Williams, 4th CAMP

"General MacArthur's my man. The reason I admire him is because he's done what he promised to do—return to the Philippines. There has not been one major reversal suffered by MacArthur's men since Guadalcanal and his recent recapture of Manila."



Pfc James Allen, B-6th

"Give me ol' 'Blood and Guts' General Patton isn't afraid of anything. He's got plenty of nerve. Besides that, he's the world's best tankman and he and his men know it. Patton has no sympathy for the Germans and I'll bet he's the first American general to enter Berlin."



Cpl. Lawrence Radke, Barry Medics

"When history records this war in its books, the name Eisenhower will top the list as one of the world's all-time great leaders. He lets the rest of us know we have other generals fighting for us besides himself. He's done an amazing job of coordination."



Cpl. James O'Connor, Btry Bonita

"Who else but MacArthur? He has shown a remarkable knowledge of amphibious, jungle, air and naval coordination, in addition to a ruthless annihilation of the Japs. He has realized the tremendous importance of Army, Navy and Marine teamwork. MacArthur will be named along with Caesar, Napoleon, and Pershing as one of mankind's greatest military strategists."

## A Boy I Knew

I tossed and turned in bed last night  
With a heart like heavy lead  
As I thought of a boy I knew in school  
Now listed among the dead.

Marine lieutenant at twenty-three  
A charge of men he led  
On Hell remembered Iwo . . . now  
That boy I knew lies dead.

Why, it seems like only yesterday  
I spoke with him and said,  
"Life in the Marines does agree . . ."  
But today . . . I speak of the dead.

Clean-cut and manly, a very nice guy  
He followed straight and ahead  
Until one dark day blood stroked the sun  
And the boy I knew fell dead.

Someday . . . sure . . . this war will end  
The guns stop being fed . . .  
We who live . . . will live in peace  
In the name of a boy now dead.

Remember then . . . now and always  
When the claims to fame are read  
No man stands among the living  
Taller . . . than the boy lay dead.

Remember then . . . now and always  
Boys like him who fought and bled  
The boy from school who now lies buried  
A boy I knew . . . who now lies dead.

—Sgt. Thomas K. Crooks



# 'Lions Are Good Actors'



A PRETTY LADY and her 'family.' Miss Marjorie Freeman, former animal pet director for several Hollywood novelty short features, gets her actor-animals together for a picture. Not unwilling are Patrick and Patricia, lion cubs; Patsy, the lamb; Prince, the giant police dog. All these photogenic animals appeared in the Pete Smith - MGM specialty short feature, 'Lions on the Loose,' of which Miss Freeman was the director. She is now herding a staff car at Ft. Baker.

## Ft. Baker Driver Tells of Pets

### Directed Pete Smith Short

If you ever want a line on lions, just drop over to Ft. Baker and chat with Miss Marjorie Freeman, ex-Hollywood script writer, producer and director, who has had quite a bit of experience with the creatures.

"Zoo frequenters who remember the ferocious bellows of the king of beasts," Miss Freeman said, "will never believe it, but there is a time in the life of every lion when he is as gentle as a lamb and as playful as a puppy."

This placid era in a lion's life doesn't last very long, but it was Miss Freeman's unusual task to put the cubs through their paces before a Hollywood cameraman who recorded their almost-human actions for thousands of cinema-goers from Bangor to San Diego.

**MGM Short**

One of the three pictures she worked in recently is the talk of the year; it's a Pete Smith Specialty called, "Lions on the Loose," released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. This film short with two lion cubs, Patrick and Patricia, is a novel animal study in which the cubs act almost like human beings.

During the course of their adventures they meet up with a raccoon, a lamb with a monkey on its back, and one of the cubs has a short fight with a 25-foot giant python snake. Other parts of the novelty short depict the cubs playing with various dolls and children's toys in a nursery and raiding the pie from a kitchen window.

Other animal short features directed by Miss Freeman included "Jungle Jaunt," a Producer's Release Corporation-Pathe film, and "Alice in Jungleland," a Warner Bros. featurette to be released soon. The latter stars Rebecca Joy, an 8-year-old newcomer from Missouri, who pals with jungle animals.

**Animal Scripts**

Regular scripts are written for the animals to follow, Miss Freeman asserted, and cameramen do not wait for a cub lion or monkey to react a certain way. She said the lions were forced to follow the script "which they did as if it were all rehearsed." All pictures were 'shot' only once.

"My favorite lion was named 'Pal,'" Miss Freeman indicated. "He was four and one-half years old, and was referred to as the 'most photographed lion in the world.' I had him for quite some time, and when he was 2 years old we had a birthday party for him at the Brown Derby.

Every studio and newsreel company had a cameraman there.

"Later he got so big that I had to send him away. He became very lonely and went on a food strike and refused to eat anything unless I was around. We finally had to give him a blood transfusion from another lion—at which time, incidentally, the cameramen ground away.

"Pal" eventually died of a broken heart. That's hard to believe, but it's the truth."

During her adventures in the film center, Miss Freeman met many famous animal trainers, including Clyde Beatty, Frank Buck, Pauline Stark and Louie Roth.

**Texas Beauty**

Born in Dallas, Tex., Miss Freeman came to Hollywood in 1932 with the express purpose of doing special religious film direction, but was swerved from her ambition by the sudden interest in animal films. She was formerly married to Mervin Freeman, Pathe newsreel cameraman who scooped the world with the exclusive pictures of the Marshall-Gilbert drive, the first Allied offensive of World War II.

"Why did I leave Hollywood for Ft. Baker? Well, the film shortage exists in Hollywood, too, you know," she said. "So rather than fight, fret and worry about where my next reel of film was coming from I decided to postpone my work for the duration.

"I came to San Francisco because I like it here. As soon as I got here in February I applied for a job with the government. So here I am driving a staff car at Ft. Baker! It's a nice job and people in the Harbor Defenses are okeh."

**Scott Civilians Plan Work Simplifications**

Plans for a civilian job simplification program to be put into effect in the near future are now being drafted by Miss Gertrude Malone, chief of the Ft. Scott Civilian Personnel Branch.

The project was drafted in accordance with the current 'Ideas for Victory' program now being sponsored by the War Department in a nationwide effort to expedite war materiel production.

### Furlough Aid

A new service adopted to expedite and guarantee bus and rail transportation reservations for GIs going on furlough is now available at the Ft. Scott Transportation Office, Bldg. 201.

Servicemen going on furlough should give a 72-hour notice if possible," Mrs. Ruth Welch, transportation clerk, stated. "A certificate from this office authorizing transportation is essential because Army personnel now cannot purchase tickets at San Francisco depots without it."

### Scott Firemen Avert Blaze Spread by Speed

Quick action on the part of the Ft. Scott firemen in extinguishing a small fire that broke out suddenly at the Scott mine docks Mar. 30, averted what might have developed into a major catastrophe.

Presidio fire-eaters, manned with heavier trucks, also arrived on the scene, but expert handling of the booster tank apparatus by the Scottmen made operation of the heavier equipment unnecessary.

Origin of the blaze was not known, according to the Fire Marshal.

**DOUBLE MARRIAGE**

It takes two to make a marriage—a single girl and an anxious mother.



ALL BY HIMSELF, T-5 Ronald Bush, Ft. Scott Cavalry's orientation whiz, delivers lectures, runs education films and passes out post-war job information in his 'little theater.' Here the Sioux City, Ia., debater is caught giving one of his interesting lectures before one of his five large maps of the various Allied war fronts.

## One-Man Orientation Cavalry Whiz

### Keeps Troop Hep with Lively Sits

T-5 Ronald Bush, substitute organizer at the Ft. Scott chapel for Mrs. C. R. Culpepper who is vacationing, is just about the busiest GI on the post, being a one-man information and Education department in addition to his regular duties with the Cavalry troop.

Prior to coming to Ft. Scott, Bush was stationed at Ft. Miley with the Special Service office. Shortly after his transfer to Scott he was sent to the Army Information and Education School, Lexington, Va., and since his return two months ago has been conducting a very successful series of orientation classes with the Cavalry.

Bush has obtained outstanding results from his special treatment of various orientation media. So interested have the cavalymen become that they are oftentimes reluctant to leave when the discussion hour has passed. Reason might be that often toward the end period several spirited pro and con arguments prompted by Bush's lecture have cropped up.

**Sharp Debate**

The 22-year-old Sioux City, Ia., native was an ace debater on the Morning Side College team, and through his experience keeps the mechanized horsemen 'on the ball' answering leading questions, followed with sharp retorts and arguments.

Lectures are held in the Cavalry's 'little theater' at their Ft. Scott barracks where Bush has set up a lecture hall complete with large situation maps of the five fighting fronts, public address system and other orientation paraphernalia.

Distance between points on the jumbo overseas maps is based on a San Francisco to Los Angeles comparison.

**Closer Home**

"This type of comparison brings distances on foreign soils closer to home," Bush asserted.

Before entering the service Bush was studying for his degree at Morning Side College, Sioux City, Ia., and was a baritone member of the college A Capella choir. As an athlete he played tennis and swam on the varsity teams.



Cpl. Thomas Williams, former member of SCU 1932 now with a General Hospital in Paris writes: "This old town is just like Ft. Scott as far as familiar faces are concerned. I see Major Rushton often. Met Simpson (motorpool) in town a week ago. He is on a hospital train and gets in every two or three days. Pitts gets into town once in awhile.

"Laurie Gregor is another hospital train boy. Woodruff is around and Archie Baggett and Bachman are also here. Say hello to Cooper. Would like to wrap up a French doll from the Montmartre and send it to him. That might help liven him up enough to write a letter now and then."

Sgt. D. J. Craig with a CAA outfit in Germany says: "The other night I had to run a message to Hq. It was really dark out and I didn't have a flashlight. I wandered around in the black for 15 minutes before I could find the place. There was a German in every bush and a real dead one in a foxhole near the Hq. I kept thinking how lousy it would be to fall into a hole with that lad.

"That really bothered me more than anything else. I saw a faint light so I challenged it but didn't get any answer. So to be safe I slipped the safety catch off my gun but it wasn't the safety. It was the magazine release and there was all my ammunition in the mud! The light turned out to be someone's blackout light on a vehicle. From the side it looked like a covered flashlight."

Lt. Gene Doss who has eight Nazi planes to his credit flies these lines from a bomber base in England: "I have only missed one day of flying in about the last two weeks. We have had exceptionally good weather.

I have been dropping in just east of the Rhine here lately and have gotten some first-hand views of the situation. I have watched bombers lay their eggs on towns and airfields and believe me they have done a marvellous job."

Lt. Rod Kenneth with a signal outfit in the Philippines has this to say: "We've landed on another island in the Philippines — you've probably heard about it. Made the trip in LST's, a type of ship which has huge doors which open in the bow and tanks and trucks can drive right in. We made an unopposed landing and the Japs have turned tail and headed for the mountains.

Cpl. Charles Scherrer shoots some breeze from good old Parris: "We have our living quarters right here in the warehouse and have it fixed up pretty well. Parris is truly a beautiful city but honestly believe I would rather be back in London. The language handicap is terrific and even though we don't go out very often, we do come in contact quite a bit with French civilians. Our labor crew is all French and we really have fun when we try to tell them something.

"I took a short trip to Belgium last week. I got a glimpse of the docks at Antwerp and that made the trip worthwhile. Brother, I never saw anything like it in my life."

Pvt. Robert Murdock is an ex-Scotter now in the Marianas: "What I wouldn't do for a hot shower! We are lucky to have water at all as they have to haul it by trucks. It's not so good when it rains and blows like hell which it has been doing constantly for over a week. At present the mud is only ankle deep but my prediction for the future is up to the knees. And they call this the dry season."



# REPORTING REPORTERS

## I Give You Ft. Barry . . .

By Lambie

The Indians at least received \$24 for Manhattan. Here I sit for two weeks and can't even give away Ft. Barry. The offer is always open though. Perhaps a stranger will come along someday who possesses more nerve than brains and take it off our hands.

Congratulations to Pfc John DeVries and his wife, Mary Ellen. They are now the proud parents of John Charles, a 7 lb. 1 oz. bouncing baby boy. It never fails to happen, the wife has the baby and the husband the nervous breakdown. If you don't believe me, ask Pop DeVries.

This column will greatly appreciate any information as to where the 'Musical Chair Championship' is to be held this year, for within our mist (Ft. Barry slang) and by unanimous choice, our representative is none other than Lt. James R. Murphy.

Welcome back to Ft. Barry Capt. James J. McDermott. Hope the trip to Ventura was enjoyable.

**ATTENTION S.P.C.A.!** Mabel, the feline at A Battery gave birth to a litter the other day and who should be the veterinarian but S/Sgt. Warren and all doing very nicely. Surely this should entitle the Sgt. to a charter membership.

Speaking of Sgt. Warren and his devotion to duty, as well being a good mess Sgt. he asked for his V-Day rations from Presidio when INS broadcast General Ike's communique regarding the German Army. When the erroneous statement

was later corrected, the sarge had a difficult time convincing the Presidio he wasn't a practical joker.

Cpl. Bateman was awakened the other evening by 'Blackie,' the Hq. Det. cat on the foot of his bed. Bateman chased the cat from his bed and resumed his horizontal position only to be aroused again by the same disturbance. This time the cpl. took the cat, put it in the shower room and returned to bed.

His head had not been on the pillow but a matter of seconds before he heard another noise similar to 'Blackie' but with not as much volume. There on the comforter at the foot of the bed was a 'Blackie, Jr.'

Another trip to the shower room put Jr. with mother. This was the way it should have been until early next morn when a couple of the men came in from pass. The only thing I remember is seeing two men come running through the barracks yelling, "DT's—they have finally got me." On conferring with 'Blackie' later, she asked me if those two fellows were crazy.

You hear many people complaining about the curfew nowadays but the curfew hit my home town harder than anyplace. They formally rolled up the sidewalks at 8 or 9 o'clock, but since the government has asked that all bars and places of amusement be closed at midnight my uncle writes they are putting up a brave front but it surely is difficult to remain open those extra three hours.

### 'SAILJERS'

By T-5 Ken Golden

We offer our congratulations to Pvt. Harold Green who is the proud papa of a baby girl. He's now sending retractions to all his friends. It seems the exuberant father jumped the gun by sending out announcements to the effect that it was a boy.

Since Flambures and Mateer left for the infantry, T-5 Bill Goldberg has taken over the Sack Dept.

Pvt. Rettie is getting ready to apply for OCS—he's been eating at a table by himself now. Four more old-timers have left the detachment, including Pfc George Jones, Pvt. McAvan, Pfc Edwin Sockoloski and Pfc John Hibshman.

**Sight of the week:** Cpl. Molicki taking over the Baker tap room with his comedy act.

We see that 'Sad Sack' Harrison is back from furlough with twice as much steam as he had before he left. A good man for our ball team, eh, fellas? The Sea Hawks, by the way, have won two out of three games now, and seem to be heading for top spot in the league.

Cpl. Alex Peronni discovered it does no good to let off steam unless you like week end duty. Is there anyone who hasn't heard Sgt. Yeager tell tales of when the mine flotta was young? They're pretty good, at that.

Don't forget to turn in any choice news items to yours truly for this colyum . . . . .

### FUNSTON CANNONEERS

S/Sgt. Bill Ewing

We wish to bid a fond farewell to our former BC, Capt. Harry Van Hala, who has assumed duties as I&E Officer of the HDSF. New chief is Lt. Fred Gentile who is a veteran of btry. problems and gripes. Good luck, lieutenant, and may all your troubles be little ones.

**Our fighting quads,** Cpl. Patterson, Pvt. Pitts, Pvt. Martinez and Pvt. Law, were up to their old tricks and picked on a six-year-old boy, much to their chagrin. They all state they could have whipped him if he hadn't been big for his age. Pitts seems to have got the worst of it—or did he get his face all scratched up when he "slipped in the showers?"

Latest 'Silver Moon' commando title is claimed by Sgt. Zaneski, but Sgt. Salladin gave him a close race. Other contenders included S/Sgt. Salaybo and Cpl. Loneygan.

Bybee and Pfc 'Peep-Sight' Alvarez, who recently tried to knock a large dump truck off the road, are now back in circulation. Bybee has lost his flying license for awhile. Both were booted out of the hospital because they griped too much.

One of the Cannoneer cooks was standing guard recently and saw the lights on the Farallone Island and swore up and down it was the Hawaiians. However, Pfc Kustawonitz is not fully responsible for what he says—or does.

### SCOTT WACS

By T-4 Hazel Robinson

Somebody got the short end of it the other night when the gang arrived back at the barracks to find that they had been short-sheeted.



Pvt. Mary Griffin found a toy snake in her and what a distance she jumped.

**F/Sgt. Mabel 'Starry-eyed' LaFar** has returned from a 25-day furlough during which time she had her name changed to Whitt in a colorful Georgia wedding ceremony with all the finis and trimmings including the veil and train.

**S/Sgt. Florence Vandergriff** celebrated her birthday at a party given in her honor at her Cousin Dixie's and she had every good intention of bringing some of the cake back but it was 'et up' on the way home. The last thing a lot of people do before they go to bed at night is to put the cat out but the first thing Cpl. Irene Jones does when she rises in the morning is to put the pot of coffee on the fire.

**Pfc Dora Marsh** gets a letter every day from her boy friend at Ft. Barry. Back in the swim again at the motor pool after enjoying a convalescent furlough is Pvt. Susan Booth. It's a big smile Pfc Effie Lasher is wearing these days and she has good reason to. Her favorite son in the air corps has just received another oak leaf cluster.

Newcomers to the Scott Wac family include Pfc Esther Mead, Pfc Pauline Zimmerman, Pfc Alma Reece and Pvt. Dorine 'Tiny' Bral. Back to Montana and the farm it is for Pfc Ethel Carlson who has just received a dependency discharge. If anyone knows of a good cook wandering around loose please contact T-4 Liz Kovatch; there is a vacancy in the mess hall.

**T-4 Hazel Robinson** is now working at the photo lab at the Presidio and there should be some interesting developments. Doing a little secretarial work on the side while she is convalescing at the Baker Spa is T-4 Carol Trophauer.

### 'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX

By T-5 John Woodall

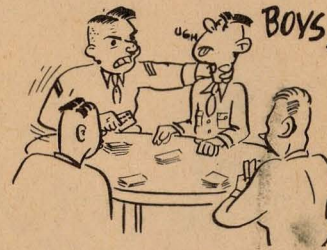
Cpl. Rayburn MacDonald dropped in to renew acquaintances at the battery. He was back from Hawaii on an emergency furlough. That Hawaiian suntan looked mighty becoming.

**The Sgt. Joseph Pruitt** family is now three. Little Joe arrived March 28 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. Big Joe passed around cigars and smiles.

Cpl. Mike Leon proceeded to show his softball team-mates there is nothing to hitting the old apple. Just close your eyes and let her go and don't stop running until you are caught between first and second base. Yes, it took Mike to start the scoring in what might have been a victory for the battery if the Fort Mason MPs hadn't declared the diamond "off limits" while leading at the end of the seventh inning.

The current pastime in the day room evenings is the old game of casino played with a new twist. The twist comes when ardent rivals

### BIG CASINO IS MINE--- BOYS!

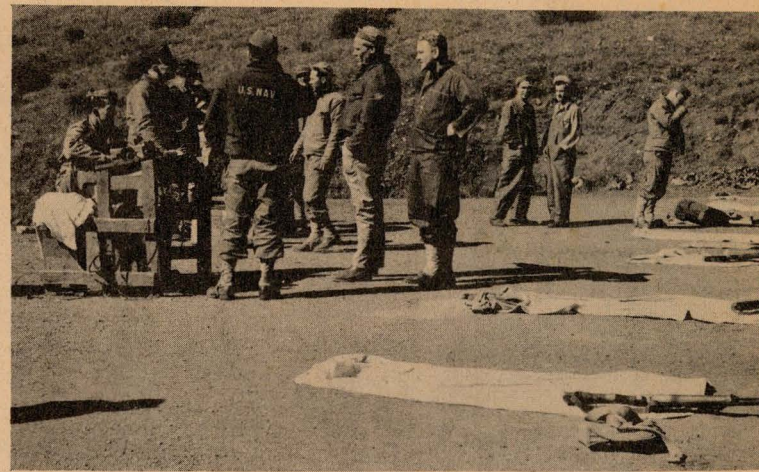


reach for each others necks. No one will deny that, for a beginner, Cpl. Earl Miller is making the boys see red.

It is said S/Sgt. Louis Malizia looks good in green. To the rail, men, at ease! Those waves may be golden but they're no security to smooth sailing.

### 1890 STYLE

An old timer is one who can remember when a girl only got herself in hot water on Saturday nights.



**KIRBYMEN** make ready to cease firing on the Ft. Barry rifle range last week after a successful session. The hefty gent facing to the left with his mitts in his pockets is none other than the GGG's ace battery reporter from A-6th's 'Happy Valley,' S/Sgt. 'Tiny' Shrotenboer, who can fire the garand just as accurately as he fires news to GGG from Btry. Kirby.

### HQ MALE ROOM

By T-4 Sidney Schecter

Acquiring a southern accent along with additional military book larnin' is our battery commander, Capt. James Hardy. The BC is attending the Ordnance Training Center School in Atlanta, Ga. In his absence the capable Lt. Francis McNamara has taken over the command.

Another eager-beaver to do some cranium cramming is our 'number two topkick,' Sarge Don Masters. He is attending school at Balsa Point. The sarge is noted for his interesting lectures during the various battery training periods.

The dispenser of 'morale plus' in our outfit, mail orderly T-5 Carl Steen, recently returned from furlough. Surprising everybody, Carl revealed his trip back wasn't too lonely, for accompanying him was the new missus. They have already established a grub-stake in the Frisco metropolis.

**Tonsorial expert** in every way is the new barber, Pvt. Albert Green. Al transferred from the Presidio WDC barracks where he did some fancy clipping for the 'brass.'

It's music appreciation hour most every evening in the Male-room day room. The radio-phonograph combi-

nation suddenly acquired a library of some swell symphonic recordings. The programs are usually well diversified. There is always a little of the Benny Goodman 'licorice stick' thrown in with the high-brow endeavors of Morton Gould.

A standard excuse of Pvt. Nick Szabo in declining any invitations for evening engagements is always, "Gee, I gotta go to work tonight."



Recently arrived, CBI overseas vet, T/Sgt. Steve Mileff, had only a hand on the nose gesture for his 'critic' comment of his opening night visit to a new Curran Theatre attraction, although tickets were 'gratis' from the SSO.

### 'A' AT BARRY

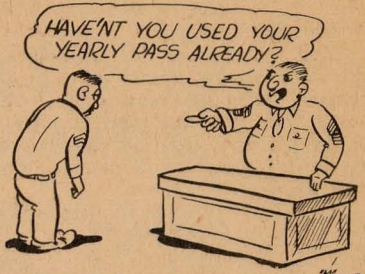
By Pvt. George Kurysz

There are not many fellows that can do it and get away with it—trim and clip the battery, do a clean and thorough job of it every week and have the men come back and ask for more. He is going to suspend his activities temporarily. He hasn't reformed, but T-5 McFarland, the battery barber, is packing his bags and going on that long-awaited furlough.

**Automatic weapons groups** are looking forward to going to the AA range at Balsa Point. Last season's shoot was good, but this year's gun crews are anticipating turning in better scores now that some of the newer battery members are old AA men.

Saturday's ball game between Major Billings' Officers and Btry 'A' EM turned out to be interesting and good from a player and spectator viewpoint. It could have been anyone's game at any time, but the EM won by a score of 5 to 2. Pitcher for the Officers was Lt. Harrison and for Btry 'A,' Cpl. Tony Viviano. Here is one for Ripley! Cpl. Le-

beer put in for a pass, the first one in more than 140 days. Wonder if



the purpose for the pass was to adjust himself for his forthcoming furlough?

T-5 Sigrist, who isn't spectacular but steady and consistent to date has the highest average of the Ft. Barry rifle team. You can bet on him to continue the good work and find him in top place at the end of the season.

Any unit desiring to play softball with A-172d: contact Lt. Murphy, Barry 52.

### SALTY SNOOPER

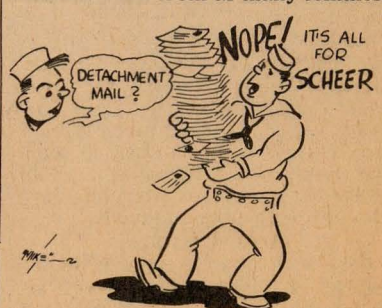
**SOMH 2/c Cy 'Kipling' Sunderland**, our Navy poet, is taking the mumps cure at Treasure Island and S 1/c Gil Dawson, the Montana sheep-herder, has just left on a 25-day leave to tend his flock.

We don't recall the last time a number of the boys saw Paris but it doesn't take a Frenchman to tell us that certain blonde, master at arms has been 'ou-la-la-ing' a cute mademoiselle. Speaking of fellows that haven't lost any time since returning from overseas is 'Available Virgil' who has really been going to town.

**B 2/c Dave Lewis** has hopes of becoming world's champion bantam-weight and he's got it in the bag if he will only pack a few of those so-called doughnuts he bakes into his gloves before stepping into the ring. SM 2/c Mike 'Flags' Burica has been complaining of waking up in the morn with a ringing sound in his ears, ringing rings to the tune of those old wedding bells. Y 1/c Joe Carey has been hearing them, too, so it looks as though the down payments will start any day now.

Tomorrow is Coxswain's Jack Melford's third anniversary—been married three months. Jack says it's his

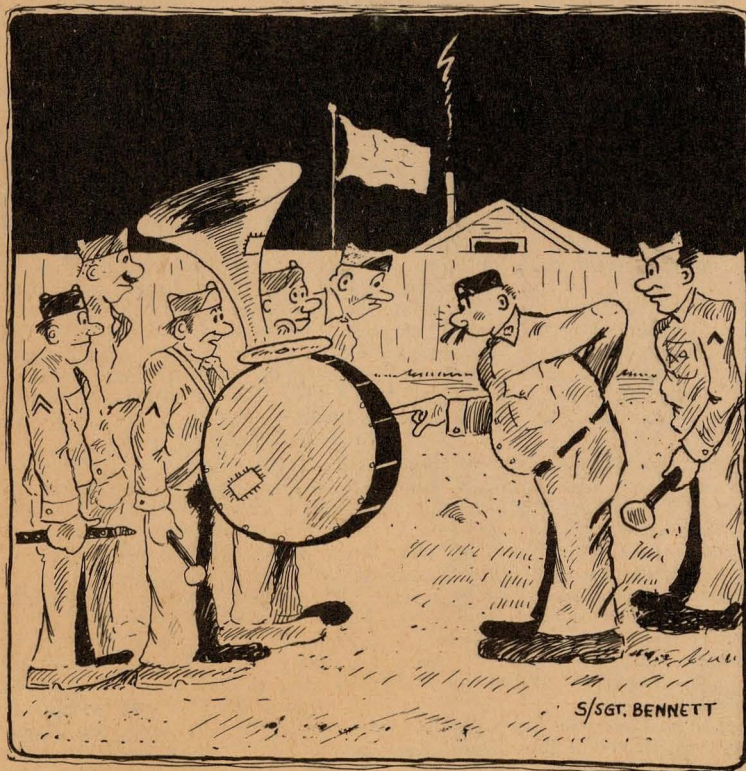
birthday, too, because he never really started living until the day he got hitched. S 1/c Eugene 'Lover' Scheer has been receiving some 60 letters a week from as many femmes.



Poor guy can't make up his mind. He says it would be sad to marry one and have 59 others jumping in front of trains.

**SOMH 2/c Dick Tyler**, ex-Florida golf pro, has returned on leave to his old golfing grounds and will have a bevy of lovely Miami maidens for caddiettes when he starts tearing up the fairways again.

A name that should be in Winchell's column: S 1/c Harry Bliss Kister.



"Can you play the Flight of the Bumble-bee?"



# Overseas Vet Tells of Isolated Vigil With Bird, Turtle, Tree

Like a wedding without a ring, Bob without Bing, or Bogart without Bacall, the story of T-5 Bill Worley's 27 months on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic half way between Africa and South America, is different.

This is an overseas story without bombs, GI regulations, flak, ack-ack, Germans or Japs.

Ascension is of volcanic origin and more bare than a fan dancer, save for the summit of Green Mountain, which is a huge elliptical crater. It remained unpopulated until Napoleon met his Waterloo and was banished to St. Helena (700 mi. N. W.) in July of 1815. Then it was garrisoned by the British.

After the U.S. went to war with the Axis powers it was taken over by American troops with the consent of the British to further guarantee the perimeter of defenses of the Americas. Thus it was that our T-5, now attached to HDSF, was one of a group of CA men who stood at the rail of a troop transport on a fine Atlantic morn in July 1942 and got the first shock of what was to be his new home.

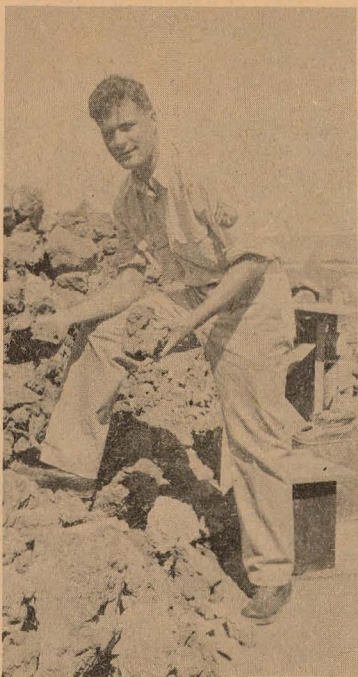
**Oh, My Achin' Back**  
"I felt like an explorer for the National Geographic when I took in that mass of bare rock covered with steep ravines and lined with lava. Birds, birds, birds and more birds. This place was right up Audubon's alley, with the nearest tree in Brooklyn."

"After we got settled on Ascension and set up the installations the boys led the life of a Robinson Crusoe Riley. The climate is one of the most healthful in the world and it was a fisherman's paradise. About 20 of us would take off on a big loading barge and head for the waters of the tuna and cod. When a fellow gets a hundred pounds of fighting fish on the end of his line and manages to bring him in without becoming a casualty then that guy's ready for shipment to a commando outfit. He could reel in a dozen 'krauts' single handed."

Worley feels that he has much in common with John Van Druten, the distinguished N.Y. playwright, who authored Broadway's hit, "The Voice of the Turtle"—Bill knows the 'voice' well.

**Turtle Talk**  
"Sinatra could never fool me," he says, "I've heard the real thing. January and February were our turtle months and those old sea tortoises weighed in regularly at seven or eight hundred pounds. I was on guard duty one night and was startled by the sound of loud breathing on the rocks near the water. For a minute I was so scared I thought a German sub had come up for air, then I finally realized it was just a big turtle shelling up for the night."

Bird primers assert that Ascension is famous as the "dropping off" place of the "terns," better known as "wide-awakes." They are the birds for whom the airport is named.



**T-5 BILL WORLEY**  
"like National Geographic..."

The T-5 describes them as looking like large pigeons which descend on the island by the thousands.

Landing lights on the field at night, together with those of the planes, attracted them and they would fly in great attack formations in and around the planes and literally cover the field, Worley said. This was extremely dangerous as it made it difficult for the pilot to navigate and almost impossible to land. Part of Bill's job was to drive around the airport in a jeep at night and break up these "bird-meetings."

**Who Goes There?**  
Adolph and Benito may be two of the better-known international jackasses but of all that roamed Ascension the prize "jenny, jack, mule or donkey," according to Worley, one night came too close to the minute guardsman. The sentry called "Halt" three times and when the jackass didn't answer he fired. After discovering what he had done the fellow said, "I shouted 'Halt' three times; why in hell didn't that jackass answer?"

Names make news and the one Bill recalls has to do with the time Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, stopped in for a visit. "We had forgotten more military etiquette than Emily Post remembers," Worley smiled, "and one of the boys was relaxing in sad slacks and a T-shirt, cleaning his gun in the barracks when the General walked in. The poor guy hadn't had any company for so long he just glanced up, said 'Hi,' and went back to work. Then he remembered seeing stars and he jumped up quick because he'd never seen so many before on two shoulders in the daytime."

Worley returned to civilization in Jan. 1945.

## BAKER MEDICS

Ye Olde Goldbricking Post and Leisure Lodge of the Royal Order of Pillrollers on Highway 101 is enjoying its annual spring season boom with enough ambulances, carryalls and sedans arriving and departing to make the sergeant maitre tear his morning report.

Sgt. Charles Sullivan of medical supply has gone to New York, city of 'Oklahoma' and Billy Rose. Charley said when he left that he was going to see that show if he had to shoot his way in and at last reports he did! Pfc George Pace and Pfc Raymond Underwood, popular ward orderlys, have been transferred to the Stockton Ordnance Depot while T-5 Irving Elkins has gone to the Hospital Train Unit at the Presidio.

Add Diaper Items: Pfc John Strnatka has been exhibiting pictures of his baby girl taken on his recent



furlough. Just mention the word 'Daddy' around him and you'll see. Now doing their soldiering at Ft. Lewis are former Baker-ites Pfc Alfred Wohlhuter, S/Sgt. Kurt Stone and Pfc Thomas Green. Pfc Dwain

Hinsley is writing the boys from an ASF depot in Ogden, Utah.

**Memo to Civilians:** Former Pfc Dock Smith has gone to Camp Beale Separation center and chances are by the time this goes to press he will be known as plain Mr. That is all.

**Flash:** Insiders promise to reveal interesting sidelights on night life of the wolves. Seems M/Sgt. Irving Wolff has been doing a little extra bragging but those who know say he is in bed at nine o'clock.

**Love Note:** Pfc Forrest "Casanova" Wilson has taken off on a 15 day furlough to Fresno and the little devil should be right at home because it's one of the hottest towns in the state and by that we mean the weather. Forrest, by the way, is quite an authority on inflation.

**Historical paragraphs:** Talk about Washington chopping down the cherry tree and then admitting it! Pfc Ruben Cherry bought a car and then sold it before using all his gas coupons. His pals have been walking all over him ever since.

## To the Point

In Lincolnshire, England, The Chronicle ran the following advertisement: "Owner of tractor wishes to correspond with widow who owns a modern Foster thresher; object matrimony; send photograph of machine."

Well, certainly no one is going to accuse any Englishman of beating around the bush.

## CINEMAOPSIS

Here are several short synopses of movie attractions you might want to see as they play the War Dept. theaters at Fort Scott and sub-posts in the near future.

**WITHOUT LOVE**  
Katherine Hepburn-Spencer Tracy

A sure-fire, racy pic, based on a 'marriage in name only' theme. It's taken from the popular Philip Barry stage play. Lucille Ball and Keenan Wynn are also around for added laughs.

**ESCAPE IN THE FOG**  
Otto Kruger-Nina Foch

A spy story that should attract action fans. It's about a beautiful nurse, her dream man and a bunch of nasty old Gestapo spies.

**I'LL REMEMBER APRIL**  
Gloria Jean-Kirby Grant

A comedy-drama about a radio announcer who hires the daughter of a ruined financier to go on his program. A little case of murder is thrown in for a confoozin' but amoozin' climax.

**THE ENCHANTED COTTAGE**  
Robert Young-Dorothy McGuire

Another one of those psychology jobs. The play presents the case of a discharged soldier, facially disfigured, who seeks to hide himself from the pitying eyes of family and fiancée.

**FLAME OF THE BARBARY COAST**  
John Wayne-Ann Dvorak

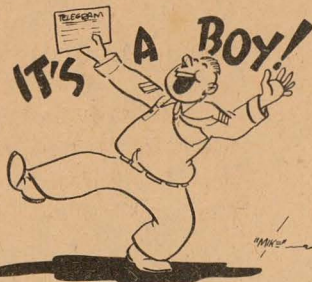
It's a historical melodrama of the old west. The plot concerns a Montana rancher who comes to Frisco to seek his fortune. He finds love and action instead.

## BAYVIEW INN

A number of the prominent Inners thronged the lobby at the premiere of "Watch Out Angel" (and we don't mean maybe). Conspicuously intermission-gabbing were 'Snif' Bowen and 'Snoop' McNamara of the PM office. Sgt. Jim Overcast had a balcony 'Oakley' but got restless and settled for a job of ushering so he could see the show from the orchestra.

Others who wasted their time included T-5 'Trigger' Rogers (without his horse, of course), Pfc Ralph Gutierrez and T-5 Hugh Goulette who hosted and hoisted an intine gathering at the Richelieu after the performance.

Sgt. Charles Mills of the post cinema is passing out matches seeing as how he has become the proud



senior partner of a 10 lb. baby boy, Charlie II. Pfc Walt 'Oh My Poor Taped-Up Back' Cava has hit the sixth page of the 'misery manual.'

Recipient of the Alaskan Department Certificate of Commendable Service for 48 months in the Aleutians, signed by General Emmons, is Pfc Edwin Folger.

T-4 Wayne Chinn and his crew are due for the order of the royal orchid for the grand chow they are producing and Sgt. Oscar Olivier has proved himself to be the master of the doughnut.

Pfc Edwin Abramson has realized every DRO's dream and become a chef while Pfc Jesse 'Vitamin' Blocher has taken his place. Jesse says he may not be able to put a chicken in every pot but he's gonna make sure there's milk for every cup in the morning.

Pfc Glen Traubenkraut has been winning friends and influencing people with those heaping plates of prune bread he's been decorating the mess with lately. T-5 Leonard John pulled the old lame one about bumping into a door or getting hit with a baseball when everyone knows it was the double malt that knocked him for a loop.

T-4 James D'Urso, the forecaster, says if Russia declares war on Japan it won't be necessary to transfer the motor pool overseas.



**'RUDY,' PIPE ET AL**  
Master Ed Knell Looks On

## Front And Center, Fido

Ever see a dog smoke a pipe? Wear a pair of glasses? Give a GI salute?

Well, there's one such canine in the Harbor Defenses, so the next time you drive by the Ft. Cronkhite firehouse and see this creature performing around, don't think you're the victim of a bottle of GI beer.

It's merely 'Rudy,' an American pit bull belonging to Ed Knell of Mill Valley, Calif., new fireman at Ft. Cronkhite.

"Sure, I'm proud of my dog," Ed admits. "It took me five years to teach him, but he's a willing student. He can do simple things such as retrieving the evening paper, carrying packages and parcels, toting the grocery basket and even bringing me my slippers in the evening before the fire."

Ed reports the Mill Valley butcher was for awhile rather startled at 'Rudy,' but has since accepted the dog as another regular customer. Ed gives 'Rudy' a nickel which he puts in the dog's mouth. The 55-pound critter then dashes off to the meat shop and won't leave until he gets his five cents worth of hamburger.

"As soon as he sees the meat on its way, 'Rudy' puts his front paws



**... AND A HIGHBALL**  
The dog's strictly GI

on the counter and deposits the nickel between his feet," Ed admits. The GI salute comes a little harder, taking the promise of a toothy dog-biscuit to get 'Rudy' to stand on his hind feet and make a swipe at his head with his right paw upon the command, "Salute!"

## WACS AT BAKER

The Chateau de Wac has several interesting new names on its illustrious register. Included are Pfc Winifred Burns, Pfc Lois Balch, Pfc Rosa Bonell and Pvt. Julia Johnston. All four girls have been assigned to the motor pool and should do a splendid job because they are two year veterans of the Army and have been through motor transport school.

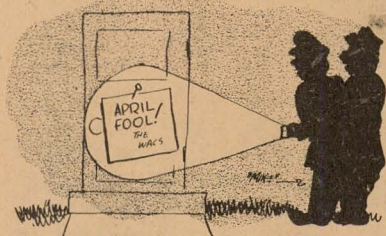
Some fun it was the other evening when a titillating voice called one of the mine planters about 2030 and told the boys to hurry up to the

is spending a 25-day furlough at her ancestral Pecan Plantation in Mississippi and she has promised to bring her patients some real southern mint for their afternoon juleps. T-5 Dottie Belessis has burned her bridges and gone across the pond; her new APO is Ft. Scott.

A diamond solitaire set in platinum that is the cynosure of all eyes adorns the hand of dietician Cpl. Mary Belle Butts. The lucky man is said to be an eastern steel tycoon Mary met on her trip to Portland, Me., when she went back to christen the ship named in honor of her son.

Christening the new Stratoliner will be Pfc Doris Edwards, well-known laboratory technician, who will take her first trip to Los Angeles on the sky-king this week. Cpl. Phyllis Dodd, sick and wounded clerk in the administrative office, has gone to Chicago, Ill. This will be the corporal's first home in two years and she certainly is looking forward to some of that breeze from the lake.

The girls at Baker will be well represented in the softball league and F/Sgt. Mary Moscatello has the answer for victory. Mary said that we had a lot of fun in the bowling league even if we never did win any games against the boys but in this case it will differ: "This time we'll wear shorts!"



Chateau as the girls were having a party and that there was a lot of cold turkey and baked ham going to waste. When the boys arrived they found the place in darkness and a large sign hung across the entrance. It read: 'APRIL FOOL.'

Pfc Agnes 'Honey-Chile' Downing

## THE LOST BATTALION

By Pvt. Bill Kramer

Back into our midst again comes Pfc Allen who has been sweating out red points on furlough. No sorry looks on his face, so we take it he enjoyed his sortie.

Pfc 'Little Abner' Holasek recently has been voted the best driver of the detachment. Anyway, he's the boy who gets called at all the wee hours of the night and day—at least, to hear him blurb you'd think he was rather an overworked soldier.

Back to the hospital went T-4 Steve Nogiec with a recent recurrence of an old malady. Don't let those little germs get you down, Stevie.

Pfc Byrd recently got the 'bird' when he shortsheeted Pvt. Butler. It seems Butler got wise and crawled in between the blankets instead of the sheets—and after Byrd had stayed awake half the night just to see him suffer. Better luck next time.



# HD Baseball Starts Bay, Golden Gate Leagues Formed

King Baseball for the Ninth Service Command horsehide crown is slated to rumble under way early in May, Lt. Joseph Casey, Ft. Scott athletic and recreation officer, and Bay Area coordinator of the tournament, announced this week.

Plans call for a two-league schedule enveloping teams from Camp Stoneman to Ft. Barry.

Four teams will be represented from this command—Ft. Scott, Ft. Barry, Ft. Baker and SCU 1932—and will compete in the Bay League, one of two San Francisco area loops, WDC-Presidio and Letterman round out the six-team round robin.

**Eight Teams**

At the same time that play is under way to determine a winner in the Bay League, eight teams in a rival Golden Gate League will cross bats. Tentative Golden Gate

clubs include Camp Stoneman, Ft. Mason, Camp Knight, Benicia Arsenal, Benicia Pt. Bn., Oakland Regional Hospital, SCU 1936 and Ft. McDowell.

Lieutenant Casey was appointed athletic coordinator for the Bay and Golden Gate Leagues at a recent A&R meeting at Camp Stoneman.

The two San Francisco leagues represent two of four such loops in the Central Security Section of the Ninth Service Command. To the north of San Francisco is the Coast League and to the south the Valley League.

Single round robin layoffs for league champs must be completed by Aug. 5.

A softball schedule will be drawn along similar lines to hardball and will start sometime in May. Lt. Leo Murphy is in charge of the HDSF baseball teams.

# Harbor Defense Keglers Drop Three To Letterman; In Tie with Presidio

A hot race for the Kells Trophy Bay Area Bowling championship was almost a certainty this week when the league-leading Harbor Defense club was dumped, three games to nothing, by Letterman to go into a tie for first place with the upsurging Presidio quintet which won two out of three from Ft. McDowell on the Ft. Mason alleys.

Only three HDSF keggers rolled over 500 series—Cpl. Bob Van Houten, 536; Cpl. Bus Rowland, 535; Cpl. Ed Dmochowski, 507. F/Sgt. Gus Schmidt, still in a slump, could garner only 493 while T-5 Bob Heisser was only good for 457. Wilcox topped Letterman with a 607 series, but Van Houten got the evenings high game, 222.

The week before the Harbor Defenders snagged two from Camp Knight with Rowland's 581 the big factor, followed by Schmidt's 576. Van Houten came up with a 498; Heisser, 464; Hibbard, 429.

Harbor Defense meets Camp Stoneman tomorrow night on the Mason Funston Field House maples.

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| HDSF      | 810 | 908 | 830 | 2548 |
| Knight    | 873 | 813 | 795 | 2481 |
| HDSF      | 838 | 832 | 858 | 2528 |
| Letterman | 881 | 899 | 933 | 2731 |

# Navy Sextet Upsets Army

Lacking the sharp form they displayed while in Los Angeles recently, the San Francisco Army All-Star ice hockey sextet dropped a dismal but rough match to a hot Vernalis Naval Air Station team, 5-2, last Thursday night in Modesto before an overflow house.

Absence of stars Pvt. Don 'Red' Weber and Lt. Dave Naylor proved to be a handicap the San Franciscans could not overcome. Bill Landers, Navy wing, poured through the first goal early in the initial period, followed almost immediately by another Navy score by Joe Marriatt, giving Vernalis a 2-0 bulge at the end of the period.

Lt. Gil Priestley, Army wing, scored a sensational unassisted goal 18 seconds in the second period, but Al Fitzgerald countered with one for the Navy. Landers and Priestley each added one before the period closed.

Landers potted his third goal of the evening midway in the final period to assure the win.

# Safe Spot

In Mountain Home, Ida., slot machines at the local air base bore this sign: "In case of air raid stand near these machines. They've never been hit yet."

# Marin Maplemen Upset HDSF by Mere 36 Pins

By a scant 36 pins the Marin All-Star bowling team gained vengeance over the high-flying Harbor Defense quintet which clubbed them the week before, and it was the disappointing bowling of F/Sgt. Gus Schmidt that made the difference. The contest was held at the Marin Bowl, San Rafael.

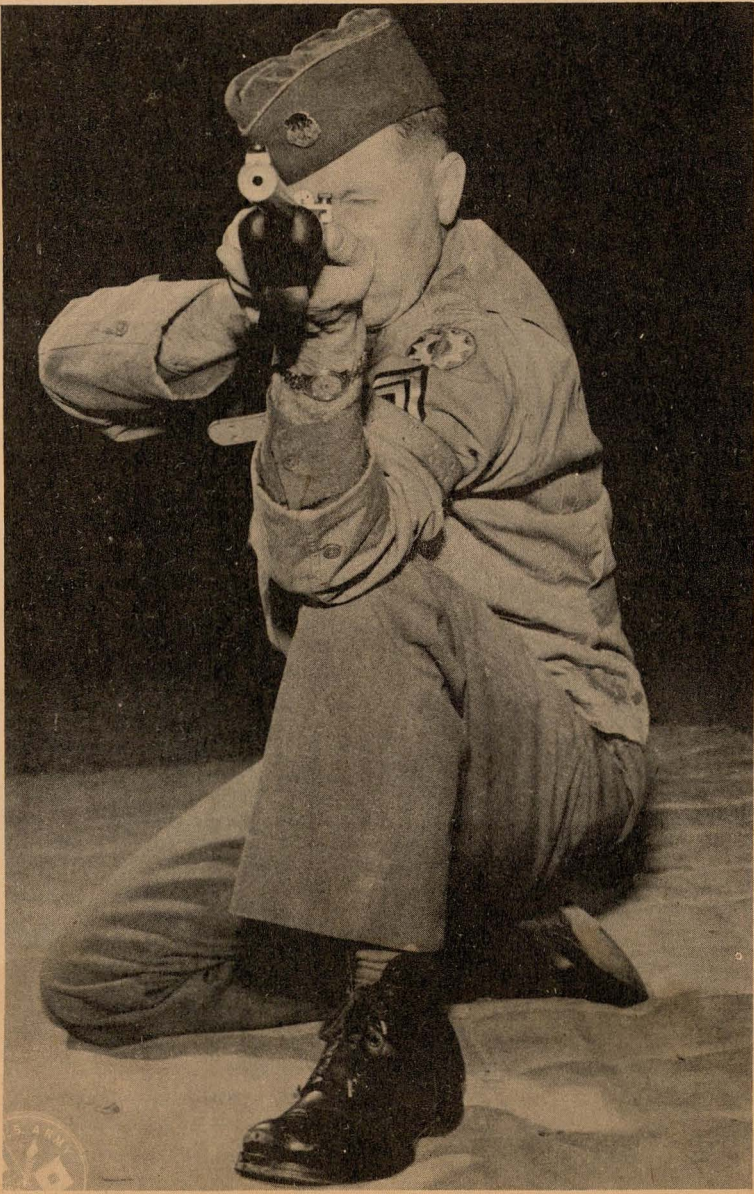
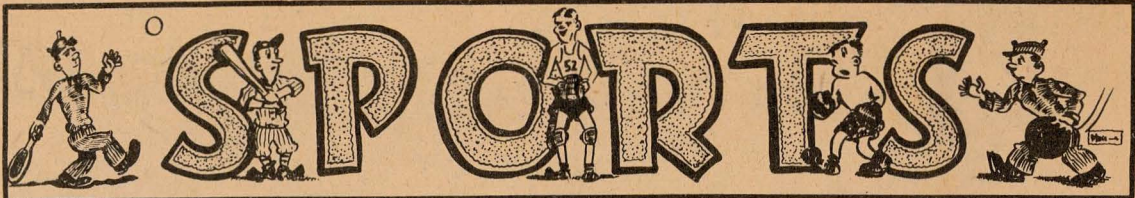
Schmidt, who has been rolling some hot series from his anchor spot on the HDSF team, turned in a miserable 487 series, one pin

ahead of Sgt. Norman Hibbard, team low man.

T-5 Bob Heisser was high man with a 569 series, followed by Cpl. Bus Rowland, 558; Cpl. Bob Van Houten, 533. Rowland came through with high game of 222 while Heisser got a 201.

Gottlieb topped the winners with 551, trailed by Storer, 539; Rosenhahn, 529; Pagnini, 528; Strong, 517.

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| HDSF  | 823 | 894 | 906 | 2623 |
| Marin | 884 | 947 | 828 | 2659 |



T-5 ARTHUR SIGRIST, A-172d, member of the up-and-coming Ft. Barry Rifle Club, aims his trusty .22 calibre rifle at the indoor target in a recent match. Sigrist, one of the top scorers on the club, was at one time member of a top-flight rifle club in Switzerland and later on an Imperial Valley, Calif., team.

# Mission, Espee Pot Barry Wins

Despite some good aiming by Pfc I. King, Hq-172d, and S/Sgt. Russ Martin, B-172d, the Ft. Barry Rifle Club continued its losing ways by dropping matches to Southern Pacific and to Mission Rifle Clubs.

King topped the Barrymen with a 172 score as his mates were dumped, 918-881, by the Mission team at the Ft. Scott indoor range Tues., Apr. 3. Martin turned in a high 176 card as the Ft. Barry team lost to S. P., 942-844, at the Espee range, 549 Howard St., Mar. 28.

Against Mission, Martin followed King with a 167; Sigrist, 165; Schneider, 163; Hill, 154; Lingenfelter, 143. E. Koch topped Mission with a 186.

King trailed Martin's 176 against S. P. with a 172; Sigrist, 169; Kyvig, 165; Schneider, 162; Harrison, 153; Hill, 148; Brown, 129. Baldassari and Shaw tied for top honors for the railroaders at 192.

Tomorrow night at 130 Wilmot St., the Barrymen take on the 21 Rifles Club, ending the first round of the shooting schedule for the Class B division, San Francisco Association. Second round will start the following week, Lt. Mario Paolini, Barry team manager, indicated.

# Linscott Powers Sea Hawk Win

Paced by the booming bat of Pvt. Frank Linscott who collected three hits and drove in five runs, the Ft. Baker Sea Hawk baseball team slammed out an 11-3 victory over Jefferson Athletic Club Sun., Apr. 1 at the Baker diamond.

Linscott was responsible for a big five-run fifth frame when he cracked a double with the bases bulging, and added more to his total in an eighth inning three-run splurge with a single with the bases packed. Cpl. Vandy Hovanec and Sgt. Walt King singled in the third inning to start the Baker club on its rout, accounting for three runs.

T-5 John Graves was the winning hurler, whiffing nine Jeff batters.

A game scheduled for last Sunday at Baker with an Oakland nine was cancelled.

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| Ft. Baker  | 11 | 13 | 2 |
| Jeff A. C. | 3  | 5  | 4 |

Graves and King; Mould, Long and McIntyre

# Mason Pitcher Stumps A-174th in 5-3 Tilt

A new curve with an odd hop used by 'Smitty' Schmidt, Ft. Mason MP pitcher, against the Ft. Scott's A-174th softball team gave the Mason club a 5-3 edge Fri., Mar. 30, in a practice tilt played at the Scott diamond.

Schmidt's pitching had the Scott team in such a hit-less rut that it took them three innings to get hep to his style. In all, he whiffed 18 Scott batters.

Cpl. 'Mike' Leon, A-174th right fielder, came through with flying colors when he broke the ice in the fifth inning with a single over right field bringing in Pfc Frankie De Santis and Cpl. 'Red' McKowan for the first two Scott runs in one of those rare exciting moments that one reads about but seldom sees in diamond play. Mike came up to bat with the score 5-0 in favor of the MPs, two men on base and two out.

In the seventh DeSantes slugged a three-bagger over second base. He scored later in the inning on a muffed ball.

A return match is contemplated.

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| Ft. Mason MPs | 5 | 8 | 1 |
| A-174th       | 3 | 5 | 2 |

Schmidt and Caugion; McKowan and Stroh.

**SCRAPING TOAST**

The honeymoon is over when the little woman starts to complain about the noise her husband makes getting breakfast.

# Scott, Hawks, Lions Top SCU

# Coffey Hurls Presidio To Win Over Ft. Barry

Behind the tight hurling of Sgt. Ted Coffey who turned back eight batters via the strikeout method, the Presidio baseball nine whipped the Ft. Barry Lions, 10-2, at the Presidio diamond last week.

Coffey, who won 14 and lost 5 for the Presidio club last season, hurled hitless ball for five innings and scoreless ball for seven innings before the Barrymen broke the ice. The winners started strong, scoring three runs in a first inning featured by Capt. 'Bunny' Edward's triple with two men aboard.

Ft. Barry's runs came in the seventh and ninth frames, one as a result of a hit by Sgt. Norman Hibbard and the other coming when Sgt. Otis Langford raced home after a long fly.

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| Presidio  | 10 | 13 | 2 |
| Ft. Barry | 2  | 5  | 3 |

Coffey and Payne; Powers, Hibbard and Voigt.

History records only one indispensable man: That was Adam.

Batting 1000 per cent in the defeat ledger, the SCU 1932 baseball team dropped three practice games out of three during the past two week period.

Cpl. Paul Emmer and pitcher Pvt. George Thoeny proved to be more than the SCUers could handle as the Ft. Scott team upset them, 7-4, at Ft. Scott. Emmer slammed a homer with a mate aboard in the third inning and Thoeny's mound offerings kept M/Sgt. Ed Doepel's boys guessing.

Sgt. Carrol Oswalt hurled scoreless ball the week before as his Ft. Baker Sea Hawk nine clubbed SCU, 5-0, at Baker. The lanky sarge sent 14 batters to the dugout by strikeout.

The Ft. Barry Lions had an easy time with the Scott team, lashing them, 9-2. The Lions tallied five runs in the first frame with Sgt. Otis Langford's triple doing the damage, including two doubles, one by Maynard and the other by Voigt.

Fernandez' triple to right field helped the Barrymen to three more runs in the second, and Brooks' single and passed ball gave them three more in the seventh. SCU scored one in the second on a fielder's choice and another in the fifth on Elrod's hit with John on base.

WATCH THE NEXT ISSUE for the details of another SUPER ALL-STAR "GOLDEN GATE GUARDIAN" SPONSORED RING SHOW



BASE HIT! S/Sgt. Joe Fernandez, Ft. Barry Lion outfielder, outraces the ball to first base in their recent game with Ft. Scott SCU 1932. This contest was the first 1945 all-GI baseball session in the HDSF. (Photo by T-5 Art Leiser.)





The lid is off.

Accent for the coming months in the Harbor Defenses will be on sports, according to word from our higher hq. chiefs. Working into this emphasis on athletics with an uncanny ease, the new baseball and handball set-up for the Bay Area for the coming spring-summer campaigns will be focused on the HDSF.

Right now Ninth Service Command baseball competition is all set to swing into action with two leagues—the Golden Gate, and the Bay—boasting many fine clubs.



is a game designed for almost anyone to play, anyway.

The plan has merit. It worked with exceptionally good results last season when the now defunct K-6th softballers went all the way to the Ninth Service Command finals, augmented by best players from other HDSF battery teams.

Anyway, from now on it looks like the Harbor Defenses will have more and more to say about who wins the various sports crowns around these here parts.

And about that 1945 HDSF football team, sir. . . .

**NOTES FROM THE CUFF:** All-star aggregations just naturally are not as good as an organized bunch of guys who have played together as a team. Last New Year's Day East-West game in Kezar Stadium proved it, and last week's Army All-Star hockey team contest in Modesto—and a loss—proved it, too. Individually, each man was a star; as a team, they weren't so hot. As Jimmy Durante would say, "Everyone's tryin' to get into the act!" . . . Credit for painting the Ft. Scott bowling alleys should go to the enlisted men of the post athletic and recreation office, and not the post engineers, as many are wont to believe.

Track and field is coming into season now, and the Vernalis Naval Air Station at Modesto announces an all-service meet in the San Joaquin Valley, May 5. The local A&R czars say that any HDSFer interested should contact them and they'll assure them a jaunt down. As for being in condition, well, everyone's in the same boat—not enough time to practice, so everything should be on a fairly equal plane of competition. . . . And don't forget the all-service division of the



West Coast Relays in Fresno, May 19; it's not only good competition, but a good chance to see high school, service, junior college, colleges and universities strut their 1945 best. For your info, a mere 27 world's track and field records have been established on its blazing fast sand-clay track since it started 17 years ago.

SUNDAY SAMBA

USO sign: Clean and decent dancing every night except Sunday.

Sport Sketches

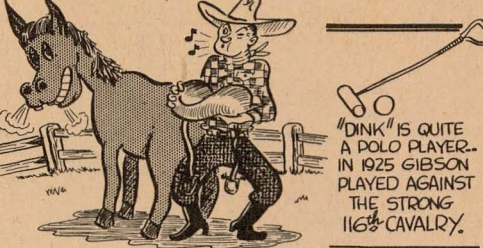
By Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos



HENRY (DINK)  
**PFC GIBSON**

SCOTT GYM ATTENDANT GIBSON RODE IN MONEY RODEOS FROM CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA TO MEXICO CITY, MEX. AND FROM COLESIUM, L.A. TO TAMPA, FLA.

STARTED "PRO" RODEO RIDING IN 1931—AT MADISON SQ. GARDENS IN NEW YORK, DINK REACHED THE FINALS AFTER 19 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF WILD MUSTANG RIDING—HE WAS THROWN AND ELIMINATED ON THE FINAL DAY OF RIDING.



IN 1932 GIBSON TOOK FIRST PLACE MONEY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR RODEO EXPOSITION IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

WON PRIZE MONEY IN MANY NAME RODEOS—IS ONE OF FEW RIDERS TO APPEAR IN THE "GARDEN" IN NEW YORK 3 YEARS IN ROW '31-'32-'33. HE RETIRED FROM "PRO" RIDING IN '33 WHEN HE INJURED HIS BACK AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING.

"MIKE" MIKOS



LT. PATRICIA ELWELL  
She's 'Mom' To All Her Army-Gals

Wac CO Takes Pride Being 'Un-GI'  
Maine Army-Gal Wants China Duty

"She's not GI."

This is the opinion shared by enlisted women in Wac Co., SCU 1932, Ft. Scott, when they talk of their company commander, Lt. Patricia Elwell.

To the Army, being 'un-GI' means conducting Army routine in a very human and understanding manner, and Lieutenant Elwell goes out of her way to lend a gentle hand to her Army-gals. That's why she is nicknamed 'Mom.' Many perplexing problems naturally crop up in any outfit and the Wac CO has done an unusual job of keeping her soldiers happy.

Popular Tours

During her nine months at Ft. Scott, Lieutenant Elwell has proved herself to be a favorite among the girls just as she was at Camp Abbott, Ore., where she served her first tour of duty as an officer.

"My number one ambition," Lieutenant Elwell said, "is to get an overseas assignment of some kind, preferably in China. I have studied Chinese and hope that someday I can be of some use—either in the Army or out—in the rehabilitation of China."

Horseback riding, sailing and skiing are listed among the lieutenant's favorite activities, which is natural since she lived most of her youth on Peaks Island, a noted health resort, off the coast of Portland, Me.

Female Hoppe

Lieutenant Elwell handles a rather mean cue stick at the company pool table. Competing with enlisted women, she comes out ahead nine times out of ten.

All in all, it can readily be admitted that 'Mom' Elwell is a darn good 'Jane.'

Normandie Liner Goes for Salvage

From a glorious past as 'Queen of the Seas' to a New York Navy scrap pile was the ultimate fate of the mammoth ocean liner, S. S. Normandie, it was learned recently.

The S. S. Normandie which was sunk at its dock when a fire swept it from stem to stern while it was being converted for use in ocean transport work is now undergoing a scrapping process.

FOOTLIGHTS and SPOTLIGHTS

JIMMY CAGNEY and his Jap-hissing pic, 'Blood On The Sun,' will play to a prevue audience at the S.F. Peace Confab. . . . Irish thrush PHIL REGAN is slated to do the soul-stirring stanzas of our National Anthem at the same peace pow-wow. . . . Because the overseas GI gets his popular tunes months in arrears, our fav'rite man with the pipes PERRY COMO makes it a pernt to feature the oldies on his nightly ciggie stint over the ether waves, thus satisfying Sir GI's priority requests. . . .



made by MR. CROSBY was the 'White Christmas' disc. It clinked the sales marker on cash registers 1,700,000 times.

With expiration of his present 'lotions of love' radio show contract, Mrs. Winchell's bad boy WALTER is all ears to any sponsor who wants to cross contract penholders with him. The tattle-teller is very adamant about that pet 'no sponsor interference' clause of his. This, of course, keeps the money boys at a safe and dubious distance. . . . Wardrobe fittings were the first orders for the day when recently Air Corps discharged CLARK GABLE reported to the MGM lots for fatigue duty. . . . ROY ROGERS (widdout the horse) is singing ballads to his draft board.

That grand star and recent Oscar winner, ETHEL BARRYMORE, is contemplating another beach-head at RKO. . . . The next SKI-NOSE and GROANER pic, 'The Road to Utopia,' will screen flash for the first time to a deserving Aleutians GI audience.

. . . JOYCE REYNOLDS gives up future 'Janie' roles to pert and purty JOAN LESLIE, so that Missus Joyce can play housewife, for real.

Watch the Golden Gate moon pitcher markee for the first initial showing of the next TOM FALCON thriller 'The Falcon in San Francisco.' . . . ESTHER WILLIAMS' next will be 'Fiesta Brava' which deciphered means 'wunderfool holi-day' (si-si amigo); WONDERFUL WILLIAMS will substitute the usual water wardrobe for the doo-dads of a lady bull-fighter. . . . USAMPS has titled 'The Princess and the Pirate' as top movie for olive-drab audiences, judged by their box office response.

They say ace-drummer man SGT. RAY MCKINLEY will make with the baton over late MAJ. GLENN MILLER's Air Corps Band when 'The Yanks Go Marching Into Berlin.' . . . TOMMY and JIMMY DORSEY may appear in a reel version of their real lives. . . . If screen fav GAIL RUSSELL and chirp ANDY RUSSELL continue their simultaneous heartbeats, they may find themselves keeping the same monniker in the same family. . . . First on the new USO overseas list for name bands is HAL MCINTYRE and his sidemen. . . . Former ork leader DICK JURGENS is now an ensign at San Diego. . . . Pin-up boy VAN JOHNSON has



the MGM moguls nursing headaches because of his own reoccurring headaches. Van has never completely recovered from those head injuries he received in an auto accident. . . . LT. BOB CROSBY and his Marine Corps entertainers are heading back from their South Seas travels. Bobcat Bob played to many lonely dogfaces on many lonely bases.

More on Colonel Rowland

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nel as G-3, Coast Artillery Brigade Staff.

"Gen. George Patton was attached for duty with the coast artillery in Hawaii when I was there," Colonel Rowland reflected, "but I did not know him as a personal friend, although he attended our social functions."

AA Expert

The colonel was responsible in part for the modernization of the harbor defense armaments of Pearl Harbor, but, as he says, "it doesn't look like they had a chance to use them, does it?"

In 1940, Colonel Rowland was sent to Texas to train anti-aircraft outfits, but a leg injury forced his retirement from field duties and he was returned to the 9th Coast Artillery District, now disbanded.

After Pearl Harbor, he went to Alaska to help in preparation of Alaskan coastal defenses, and in May 1942 was returned to Ft. Scott and assigned to SCU 1932 as commanding officer. In fact, Colonel Rowland organized the station complement, since at that time there was nothing more than a skeleton service unit here on detached duty from Presidio.

"I wish to express my deep gratitude to every member of SCU 1932, military, enlisted and civilian," the colonel said, "for their loyal service and splendid cooperation in the performance of the heavy duties imposed upon us."

"I am proud of their accomplishments and believe there is no better organized, trained or efficient station complement anywhere than SCU 1932."

AWVS Has New Hq. at Fairmont

The AWVS which through the kindness of the Palace Hotel was located for three years at 665 Market St., is now at the Fairmont Hotel which has given it temporary shelter until a permanent home is found.

All departments are located in Laurel Court off the main lobby of the Fairmont. The telephone number is still EXbrook 3411.

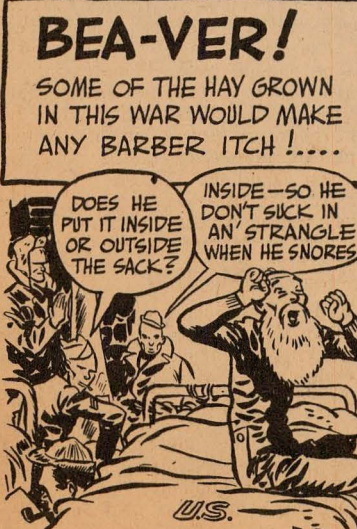
The War Bond Department needed larger quarters to continue its work and has moved into Room 5, Monadnock Building, 681 Market St., just across the street from its old headquarters. Phone Douglas 1553.

The temporary move has necessitated the closing of the AWVS daytime canteen, which will be reopened as soon as permanent quarters are found.

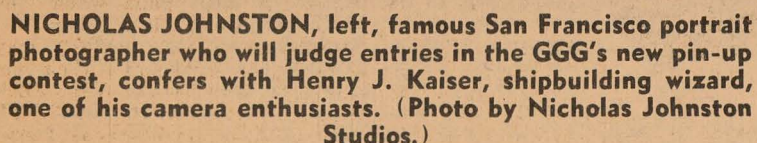
Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Once Over Slightly



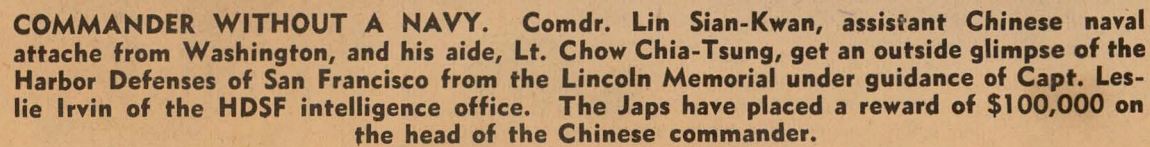




In a Chattanooga, Tenn., tax office, a woman claimed five dependent children, "Two by my first husband, two by my second and one by myself."

At that time, Commander Lin was a lieutenant and Colonel Lafrenz was a captain.

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Accompanying Commander Lin on his tour of West Coast military installations is Lt. Chow Chia-Tsung, 28, language officer in the naval attache's office at Washington.